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As lesbians and gay men and their supporters marched in support of AB-1, a counter-demonstration was organized by fundamentalists Christian groups.

Gays Converge on Sacramento

By John Kyper

SACRAMENTO, CA — A drenched but enthusiastic crowd, estimated by police at up to 7,000, marched and rallied during an intermittent winter storm that dumped over an inch of rain on the California capital city on Sunday, Jan: 13. Participants had come from all over the state to demonstrate and lobby for the passage of Assembly Bill 1 and Senate Bills 3 and 18, which would extend the Fair Employment Practices Act to prohibit employment discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation.

The march included large contingents from San Francisco, Los Angeles, Sacramento, San Jose, and Alameda County, and contingents from many rural areas, including Humboldt, Amador, Sutter, and Yuba Counties. Marchers assembled at midmorning under overcast skies. They were accompanied by several bands. Shortly after the march got underway it began to rain, growing in intensity as the march wound along its one and a half mile route through downtown Sacramento to the Capitol. The march stretched for 17 blocks. Few deserted for shelter. Instead, the downpour served to increase the marchers' enthusiasm.

The heavy rain continued for most of the rally on Capitol Mall, turning the ground to mud. The sound of the rain and the use of bullhorns instead of a sound system made listening difficult. Many people left, but about 3,000 stayed until the end of the hour and a half long rally. Although entertainment was somewhat abbreviated because of the weather, the San Francisco Lesbian Chorus and a gay men's chorus performed, as well as Casselberry and Dupree, Meg Christian, and Theresa Trull.

Florence Kennedy and Troy Perry opened the rally with brief speeches. They were followed by the bills' authors, Assemblyperson Art Agnos (D-SF) and Senators David Roberti (D—LA) and Milton Marks (R—SF). Aide Gray Davis read a statement from Governor Jerry Brown. Assemblyman Willie Brown (D—SF), author of the 1975 Consenting Adult law decriminalizing homosexual acts, cautioned the demonstrators to expect a long struggle: "The Consenting Adult law happened because you lobbied for it for six years."

San Francisco Supervisor Harry Britt made the same point in the closing passages of his speech: "We're going to have to march in the rain again. We're going to have to sit in a lot of rooms with a lot of politicians. We're perhaps even going to have to go to jail before we achieve what we're looking for. . . ." Sobrina Soujourner, a San Francisco activist, declared her anger that "we're here to *ask* the state legislature for our rights. We need to tell them that if they don't pass protective

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Third World Lesbians And Gay Men Meet In New York City Center

By Harry Scott

NEW YORK, NY — Over forty lesbians and gay men gathered Jan. 7 at the MCC-Triangle Center in New York for the first meeting of the New York Coalition of Black/Third World Lesbians and Gays. Emotions ran high as old and new friends met, remembered the October national conference in Washington that was the motivating force behind the formation of the New York group, and shared their hopes and their reasons for coming out. All on hand agreed that the creation of a space for third world gays, and an organization to meet their specific needs, was "long overdue."

The group, which is open to anyone "*seriously concerned* about Black and Third World issues . . . regardless of race," lists five main objectives: "1) Provide an ongoing support system to Black/Third World Gays in the New York City area; 2) Offer alternative social outlets geared toward the Black/Third world Gay communities; 3) Provide a forum for dealing with Black and Third World issues; 4) Offer services to meet the needs of Black and Third World Gay communities; and 5) Seek to raise the consciousness of Black and Third World Lesbians and Gay men on the issue of racial pride

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'No joking matter'

Christian Right Gears Up For Attacks on Gay Rights

WASHINGTON, DC — The Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) has announced that a new fund-raising campaign has been launched by the anti-gay lobby Christian Voice. Using what GRNL termed "strident and offensive language," the lobby has called upon "concerned Christians" to flood the Congress with letters stating opposition to HR 2074, the national lesbian/gay civil rights bill now in the House of Representatives.

Christian Voice cited both the Oct. 14 National March on Washington for Lesbian and Gay Rights and the record number of co-sponsors (53) of HR 2074 as reasons for the organization of its first massive letter-writing campaign to the Congress on this issue. Rev. Robert Grant, spokesperson for Christian Voice, said, "If homosexuals can impress Congress with 100,000 marchers, then we must impress Congress with 500,000 letters from concerned Christians." He went on to state that "Gary Jarmin [the Christian Voice Legislative Director who once worked for Rev. Sun Myung Moon] has stressed to me again that we are not generating enough volume of mail to Congress to be successful in our legislative battles."

Second lobby starts up

A second Christian lobby, the Moral Majority, headed by Rev. Jerry Falwell, has begun its operations on Capitol Hill with what GRNL termed "strong anti-gay attacks." In the December issue of the *Moral Majority Report*, the group states (with reference to HR 2074), "It is commonly known that some militant homosexuals will use their positions as teachers to recruit and convince others — an activity which will be in direct opposition to the moral beliefs of many parents."

It also states, "Therefore, if this bill is passed, it will set a precedent for our society. Imagine giving child molesters and rapists special preference in the law because they too have a bizarre sexual preference." The *Moral Majority Report* called upon its 90,000 readers to write members of Congress. GRNL speculates that the readers of the *Report* are "apparently mostly pastors who are expected to pass the message on to their congregations."

Steve Endean, Executive Director of GRNL and the group's lobbyist on Capitol Hill, said, "It is easy to laugh at the outrageous, preposterous statements in these appeals, but Christian Voice and the Moral Majority have the ability to deliver on their threats of constituent letters, and that's just no joking matter. To our knowledge, this is their first major attempt to generate constituent mail to Congress. If it is successful (and their lists are massive), such a massive influx of mail could badly distort a Congressperson's perception of public sentiment on the issue, have a chilling effect on our progress, and encourage negative amendments to various non-related bills on the floor of both the House and the Senate."

Protest planned for opening

United Artists Releases Anti-Lesbian Film in NYC

Compiled by Maida Tilchen

NEW YORK, NY — A new movie portraying a lesbian as a psychotic killer who terrorizes a straight woman will be protested by several lesbian, gay and feminist groups after it opens in New York City on Jan. 18. The movie, *Windows*, is produced by United Artists, the same company responsible for *Cruising*. It stars Elizabeth Ashley and Talia Shire and was announced by a full-page advertisement in the New York *Times* that showed a woman holding a knife to the neck of another woman, with the caption, "somebody loves Emily . . . too much."

Representatives from the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Filmmakers and the National Gay Task Force have been allowed to attend an advance screening of the film. They gave *GCN* the following summary of the plot: Elizabeth Ashley plays the lesbian. She is so in love with Talia Shire, her best friend, that she arranges for a man to rape Shire, hoping that the incident will drive Shire into her arms. This fails to work, but Ashley tape records the rape and constantly plays the tape in order to arouse herself, often reciting the rapist's role along with the tape. She sets up a telescope which allows her to spy on Shire constantly. Shire is portrayed as a stupid and timid woman who persists in thinking that Ashley has no more than a friendly interest in her. In her efforts to manipulate Shire, Ashley kills a few men and freezes Shire's cat in a refrigerator. In the final scene, Ashley lures Shire to her apartment, terrorizing her by playing the tape and re-enacting the rape with the same knife used by the rapist. Meanwhile a male detective who loves Shire waits outside. Finally Ashley has a complete mental breakdown and begins to play out both of the roles on the tape, both the rapist and the victim. Shire escapes and tells the detective, "She kept saying, 'I love you, I love you'," to which he replies, "Well, maybe in her own way she did love you."

Lucia Valeska of the National Gay Task Force viewed the film and told *GCN*, "The outstanding thing I came away with was that it is so bad. It's sort of your basic tired old psychopathic sex maniac looking for a victim plot and if

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News Notes

quote of the week

"...To blink at the facts as the American Psychiatric Association [APA] has done and deny that [homosexuality] is a sickness does a great disservice to homosexuals. It tells them they are well when they are wracked with Pain [sic] and tension. The APA made a political decision, not a psychiatric one. What could be more foolish than taking a vote on whether or not homosexuality is a sickness? Either there are criteria for illness or there aren't. The association succumbed to pressure and demonstrated the general lack of proper criteria for evaluating what is and is not neurosis."

--Arthur Janov, Ph.D., Editor-In-Chief of the *Primal Institute Newsletter*, writing in an article entitled "Homosexuality and the APA" which appeared in a recent edition of the newsletter.

women play with a full deck

NEW YORK, NY — Famous women are featured in three new card games to appear on the commercial market, "Foremothers," "Founders and Firsts," and "Poets and Writers." The wild card in each deck is Gertrude Stein.

lesbians to congregate in binghamton

BINGHAMTON, NY — The Organizing Committee for the New York State Lesbian Conference has issued a call for help in the interest of building a successful event. The conference is scheduled for April 18-20.

The committee said that workshop and group leaders are needed, as are suggestions for topics of discussion. Names are solicited for a mailing list, and the organizers are particularly interested in newly formed groups and in women who live in rural areas. Advertisers are needed for the program, which will include a directory of lesbian resources in New York State. Resource listings are free.

Correspondence should be addressed to Conference, c/o Women's Center, P.O Box 354, Binghamton, NY 13902. The number to call for information is (607) 722-3629 Mondays, 7-9 p.m.

gay youth program gets funding

NEW YORK, NY — Gay and Young, a Youth Aid and Advocacy Program, will receive funding in the amount of $35,000 through the New York State Division of Youth. In addition, $5,000 is being granted through the New York City Youth Board. Gay and Young is the first such group to be funded by the city and the state; nationally, it is the only gay youth group funded directly through its own not-for-profit corporation. Gay and Young is receiving indirect funding from the Department of Health, Education and Welfare through a sub-contract.

A drop-in center for gay people under the age of 21 is due to open around Jan. 15 at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 240 E. 31st St., to be open from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday. Rap groups and a discotheque will operate on Saturdays from 1-4 p.m. In addition, the Center will offer peer counseling, job counseling, and other services. Gay people over 21 will be able to avail themselves of the counseling services on an appointment basis.

For information about the program call (212) 424-3020.

kuiper comes to worcester

WORCESTER, MA — Rev. Johannes W. Kuiper is the new interim Pastor/Worship Coordinator of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) of Worcester. Kuiper, who was born and raised in the Netherlands, made national headlines last year when he came out as a gay man and was challenged by the Greene County (NY) Family Court on the issue of the adoption of his son, Alden.

A naturalized American citizen, Kuiper served the (Dutch) Reformed Church in America from 1970 until January 1979. Upon his coming out in March of last year, he was defrocked by a lower judicatory of the Reformed Church. Kuiper is appealing that action, and a hearing on the subject has been scheduled for the Albany (NY) area in May.

inmate must serve time before surgery

WILMINGTON, DE — Superior Court Judge Joseph J. Longobardi has ordered an inmate of the Delaware Correctional Center, Anthony Lee (Diane) Cannon, to serve out a two-and-a-half year sentence before undergoing surgery to complete a sex-change. Cannon, who began taking female hormones after he escaped from the prison facility, has complained that he is not receiving enough of the hormones since he was recaptured and returned to the facility, claiming that he suffers from headaches, nausea, and pain. Longobardi said Cannon must serve out the time to which he has been sentenced on charges of escape, assault, and theft. Cannon was originally incarcerated after a conviction for prostitution.

plan now for gay jubilee

BOSTON, MA — Members of an ad hoc committee to plan lesbian and gay participation in Jubilee 350, the city-sponsored celebration of Boston's 350th birthday, conferred on Jan. 15 with Michael Wasserman, Performing Arts Coordinator for the Mayor's office, at a meeting arranged by Robin MacCormack at City Hall. Input from the lesbian and gay community will be sought at the Lesbian and Gay Town Meeting on Jan. 24 at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church near Harvard Square.

romney says moral perverts abuse era

SALT LAKE CITY, UT — George Romney former governor of Michigan, former presidential candidate, retired president of American Motors, and a prominent member of the Mormon Church, has lashed out at the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in a letter to the *Deseret News*.

The ERA might be less offensive, said Romney, if it were not intended to support "perverted and improper sexual conduct" and not intended to eliminate "needed protection against the abuse of women." Romney, who once claimed that he was "brainwashed" by U.S. generals in Vietnam, said the ERA would "legitimize" homosexuality. He alleged that at an international women's year meeting last year, "lesbians and the homosexuals and the moral perverts [cited the ERA] as a means of eliminating any basis of moral criticism."

lesbian library moves to lesbian land

HUNTINGTON, MA — The New Alexandria Lesbian Library, which has been collecting, recording, and preserving the expression of lesbian life since 1974, has recently moved to a farm in western Massachusetts which has been owned and occupied by lesbians for ten years. After having been located in Chicago for the past five years, the library will continue to serve as a national archives with a focus on the collection and preservation of the varied experiences of lesbian lives and cultures.

All lesbians are encouraged to make submissions to the library and to visit it. For information, contact the New Alexandria Library, P.O. Box 111, Huntington, MA 01050.

aclu appeals lesbian custody ruling

RICHMOND, VA — Attorneys for "Jane Doe," a lesbian mother, have appealed to the Virginia Supreme Court to overrule a lower court ruling which denied her custody rights to her 8-year old son, Jack. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) said the lower court erred in granting custody to Jack's father and the woman he married without the consent of the boy's mother.

In a brief filed in the proceedings, the ACLU declared, "No showing was made in the court below that the continuation of the relationship between Jack and Jane Doe would be detrimental to his well-being . . ."

information sought in murder case

NEW YORK, NY — Robert Fuller, 41, was found dead in the bedroom of his Greenwich Village townhouse on Dec. 26. He was naked, and one bullet had penetrated the right side of his neck. His living quarters had been ransacked. Police reported there were no signs of forced entry.

Fuller had commuted between his home and his place of employment in Stamford (CT). He was last seen leaving his home around 9 p.m. on Dec. 25. Any person having information on his whereabouts or his activities between that time and the time of his death is asked to contact the Sixth Squad Homicide Division of the New York City police department at (212) 741-4842.

officials said to use "guide service"

NEW ORLEANS, LA — Ray Thomas Woodall, a former scoutmaster now in prison for his role in a Boy Scout sex case, said recently that a U.S. Senator and two members of the U.S. House of Representatives were among persons who patronized a gay "tour guide service." Woodall, who was convicted in 1977 and sentenced to 75 years in prison, made the allegations in a letter obtained by the New Orleans *Times Picayune*. He did not name the politicians.

"There were some congressmen," Woodall said. "There was a Senator involved. Almost the entire hierarchy of one of the states as far as the top political posts [was involved]."

The "tour guide service" was used to escort clients to gay bars and gathering places. It was established in 1973 and functioned until Woodall's arrest in 1976. Most of the guides, he said, were gay adults. Lewis S. Slalle, a former friend of Woodall and a state witness at his trial, said the services moved from using adults to employing boys.

hyde amendment stricken down

NEW YORK, NY — In a 642-page opinion, Federal District Court Judge John F. Dooling, Jr., declared the controversial Hyde Amendment unconstitutional on Jan. 15. The Hyde Amendment severely restricted Federal funding of abortions for poor women by prohibiting the use of Medicaid funds for such purposes. Dooling ordered that Federal officials resume authorizing the expenditure of Medicaid funds to finance "medically necessary abortions provided by duly certified providers."

The United States Justice Department has already filed an appeal of Dooling's, decision. If the ruling is upheld, however, it will apply across the nation due to the fact that the challenge to the Hyde Amendment was filed as a class action suit on behalf of women nationally. A detailed story will appear in next week's *GCN*.

black gay men to meet in atlanta

ATLANTA, GA — The first national conference for black gay men, "Man's Work," will be held in Atlanta Feb. 15-17 for the purpose of "establishing a viable national network by and for black gay men that will address and serve the needs of black gay men and the black community at large," according to organizers.

The conference will include consciousness-raising seminars, organizational planning sessions by cities and states, and a keynote speaker. Workshops are scheduled in the areas of communications, education, senior gays, legal defense, political impacting, prisoners, religion, sexism, and the arts.

The conference is open to all interested black gay men for a registration fee of $25 ($20 if men preregister). A train has been chartered to carry conference participants to Atlanta from Boston and East Coast centers. For additional information, contact Greg Worthy, c/o Atlanta Gay Center, P.O. Box 13723, Atlanta GA 30324, or call (404) 876-5372.

gayway adds a new host

BOSTON, MA — GayWay, a radio program for lesbians and gay men which airs each Tuesday at 8:30 p.m. on WBUR-FM, 90.9, has added a new host to its schedule. Demian, a cultural worker in the visual and perfoming arts with a background of four years of producing public affairs radio programming, will host the program the third Tuesday of each month. Co-hosts Ann Maguire and David Socia will continue to host the program on other Tuesdays. Demian plans to produce a magazine format program using news, editorials, poetry, interviews, non-sexist music, and theatrical events.

town meeting scheduled

CAMBRIDGE, MA — Have you ever been attacked for being lesbian or gay? There will be a Lesbian/Gay Community Meeting on Thurs., Jan. 24, for people to talk about their experiences with this type of violence and what can be done about it. This meeting is the third in an ongoing series of public gatherings in the Boston area where lesbians and gay men can discuss topical issues. It will be held at the Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Massachusetts Ave. in Harvard Square at 7:45 p.m. The meeting will be signed for the hearing impaired, and assistance will be available for people in wheelchairs. Bring a pillow to sit on — chair seating is limited. Refreshments will be available. For more information, call the Lesbian and Gay Hotline, Monday-Friday, 6 p.m.-midnight, at (617) 426-9371.

gay people meet the governor

HONOLULU, HI — Representatives of civil rights, community, and religious groups and labor unions met for an hour on Jan. 3 with Hawaii Governor Ariyoshi to seek his support for gay rights legislation. The delegation consisted of 17 persons.

William E. Woods, Executive Director of the Sexual Identity Center and the spokesperson for the delegation, presented Ariyosi with four prepared requests: "to present support for legislation to end discrimination against gay people; to support such legislation with his staff and cabinet; to introduce the non-discrimination legislation through his administrative package to the legislature; and to issue an executive order prohibiting discrimination against gay people in state employment, effective immediately."

Ariyoshi reportedly reiterated his support for all civil rights, including the rights of lesbians and gay men, stating that he would meet with his cabinet to determine how his administration could best respond to the requests. The group expressed the feeling that this meeting "marked a significant step towards achievement of human rights for Hawaii's gay people."

Head of Gay Caucus Lashes Out at APA

Compiled by Bennett Klein

NEW YORK, NY — Dr. Frank Rundle, President of the Gay Caucus of Members of the American Psychiatric Association (GCMAPA), has lambasted the APA for laxity in following a 1973 resolution which removed homosexuality from the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders* and called for full legal protection of gays. In an editorial in the Fall (1979) GCMAPA newsletter, Rundle stated that "the governing hierarchy of the APA has been resolute only in avoiding its obvious responsibility to implement the resolution. It has not launched a public education campaign, it has not offered official buttressing of the position stated in the media, it has not addressed the issue of legislation which incorporated the outmoded view of homosexuality as a disease; it did not even, within its own organization, make any attempt to implement the unassailably just statements made in the resolution." He claims the APA faults have been "mainly inaction."

Rundle expressed deep disappointment that the APA Programming Committee for the 1980 convention in San Francisco has rejected a major lecture on homosexuality by Dr. Judd Marmor. Marmor, a professor of psychiatry at USC, past APA president, and editor of *Homosexual Behavior — A Modern Reappraisal* (to be published this month by Basic Books), is considered a pioneer in changing clinical practices with regard to gay people.

Noting that the theme for this year's convention is "To love and to work," Rundle told *GCN* that "if the APA had any concern about fully exploring that theme, it would have had to include something about homosexual life." When David Kessler, president-elect of the Gay Caucus, proposed the lecture to Program Chair Alan Beigel, he was told that such lectures were planned years in advance and that Marmor had lectured at the '79 convention in Chicago. Rundle's editorial response to the rejection was: "Can we be expected to believe that this is the real reason?" According to Rundle, at a time of strong anti-gay backlash, "Where is the APA? It is in the closet."

Rundle also charges that the APA dragged its feet in alloting space for the GCMAPA exhibit at last year's convention. He informed *GCN* that the Scientific Exhibit Committee had initially denied space to the Gay Caucus because it was a political rather than a scientific group. The group was then promised "alternative space" along with Amnesty International and the Committee on Women. GCMAPA finally received space behind an eight-foot pillar. Rundle commented that "I cannot arrive at any other conclu-

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John Tobin Photo

Testimony was proferred at a Nov. 19 hearing before the Select Commission on Immigration and Refugee Policy by (from left) Don Knutson, Executive Director of Gay Rights Advocates; Lucia Valeska and Charles F. Brydon, Co-Executive Directors of the National Gay Task Force; Dr. John Spiegel, past president of the American Psychiatric Association; former INS Commissioner Leonel Castillo; Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches; and Stanley Rebultan, brother of a Filipina lesbian who has been denied entrance to the United States by INS.

News Commentary

What's Going On with the Immigration System Here?

By Dan Daniel

The recent decision by the U.S. Department of Justice, based on a recommendation by its Office of Legal Counsel, to continue to exclude lesbian and gay aliens from this country has escalated and confused the battle over America's immigration policies which has raged since last summer. Whereas initially it was only the province of the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS), in conjuction with the U.S. Public Health Service (PHS), to exclude lesbian and gay male aliens, the controversy has succeeded in involving the State Department and the Justice Department as well. Even Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has gotten involved.

Dates from 1952

The basis for excluding persons on the basis of their sexual preference can be found in the Immigration and Nationality Act of 1952, also known as the McCarren-Walter Act. The time of its passage was the time of Joe McCarthy, a time when lesbians and gay men were considered — by medical and lay people alike — sick, deviant, an unhealthy influence. The phrase in the Act which was used to exclude persons suspected of being lesbians or gay men was "persons afflicted with psychopathic personality." In 1965, the Act was amended to include a further basis for exclusion: "sexual deviation."

In light of declarations by nationally prominent medical organizations — among them the American Psychiatric Association — that homosexuality would no longer be considered a mental illness or a form of deviant sexual behavior,the PHS announced last August that it could no longer perform the requisite certifications of suspected homosexuals who were detained for probable exclusion by INS. Within two weeks, the INS followed suit. Then INS Commissioner Leonel Castillo stated that if PHS would not perform its duties of certification, his agency could not legally detain persons whom border guards suspected of being lesbian or gay. Similarly, such persons could not legally be excluded from the United States: they would be "paroled" into the country pending resolution of the dilemma.

Incidents continue

In spite of the fact that all U.S. border outposts were reportedly notified of this decision, hundreds of Canadian women were harassed by U.S. border guards in Michigan in late August as they attempted to enter this country to attend the Michigan Women's Music Festival. Women and men alleged by INS officials to be homosexual have been detained and harassed at entry points in New York, Washington, Minnesota, and San Francisco since that time. It appears that, when PHS and INS decided they had nolegitimate basis for compliance with what has been termed a "congressional mandate" to exclude lesbian and gay aliens, INS border officials began to act independently, continuing the pattern of such exclusions in spite of directives from their agency heads.

On Oct. 15, 1979, the situation was further complicated by the issuance of an order by Secretary of State Cyrus Vance "to all diplomatic and consular posts" here and abroad. While Vance admitted that the PHS decision was "reflective of the current judgments of the most influential and recognized health professionals and organizations in the U.S.," he nonetheless ordered that, "from this date on, the resolution of the issue of homosexuality, which may result in a determination of ineligibility . . . must be made

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Rights Bill Now has Fifty-three Sponsors

WASHINGTON, DC — U.S. Congressperson Robert T. Matsui (D-CA) has become the fifty-third member of Congress to cosponsor HR 2074, the Waxman-Weiss Bill, which seeks to amend the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 and 1968 to prohibit discrimination against lesbians and gay men. The bill seeks to prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation in the areas of housing, employment, public facilities, and programs which receive federal assistance.

"It has been twelve years since the enactment of the Civil Rights Act," Matsui said, "and yet numerous classes of Americans, including gays, are still fighting to be freed from unwarranted and arbitrary discrimination. The time is long overdue to provide the necessary legal safeguards for gay people in Sacramento [Matsui represents the Third Congressional District, which includes Sacramento], as well as the estimated twenty million nationally."

In a press release issued by his office, Matsui went on to point out that "discrimination against gays in employment has been of particular concern." He said that gay people usually encounter difficulties in employment only after they have been hired for a job "since gay people can and often do hide their sexual orientation." According to the Gay Rights National Lobby, which has worked extensively on the promotion of congressional support for HR 2074, studies indicate that 16 percent of all lesbians and gay men encounter difficulties in employment, and nine percent lose jobs solely because of their sexual preference.

Outside of the Congress, the Waxman-Weiss Bill has received the endorsement of the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Council of Churches, the American Psychiatric Association, the American Federation of Teachers, the United Church of Christ, the National Federation of Priests' Councils, the National Organization for Women, and the American Public Health Association.

Adam Craig photo

U.S. Reps. Ted Weiss (D-NY) (l) and Henry Waxman (D-CA) (c), the original sponsors of HR 2074, as they appeared at an awards dinner in New York City on Nov. 29, 1979. At right is Margot Karle, president of Lambda Legal Defense and Education Fund, Inc., which hosted the event for the third year.

Gay Teacher Named to New Advisory Board

By Maida Tilchen

BOSTON, MA — Eric E. Rofes, gay activist and *GCN* features writer, has been appointed to the Harbor Area Citizens' Advisory Board for the new Massachusetts Department of Social Services. He will be one of 21 appointees who will be determining needs and plans for the agency, which will provide services for troubled children and youths and their families, including adoptions, day care, foster care, and protective services in child abuse situations. Rofes is an openly gay teacher and co-director of the Fayerweather Street School in Cambridge. He has been involved in several youth concerns groups including the Massachusetts Committee for Children and Youth and the Committee for Gay Youth. He has also led workshops and written extensively on youth concerns.

There will be 40 area Citizens' Advisory Boards overseeing the Department of Social Services, which will assume the social service functions of the Public Welfare Department as of July 1. The boards will assess needs, plan policy, and approve budgeting decisions. Other appointees to the board will represent other minority interests, such as those of Hispanic children.

Rofes told *GCN*, "I hope that my appointment to this board will be the start of the acknowledgement of the needs of lesbian and gay youth by the state human services department. All youth agencies and programs in this state work with young people who are gay and yet have ignored the unique service needs of this population. I will do my best to advocate for the needs of all children and youth and particularly lesbian and gay youth in the areas of adoption, protective services, and foster home placement. I am excited to see gay people being appointed to all kinds of government boards, but I am most impressed that Commissioner Mary England would appoint a gay person to a youth-servicing board."

Robin MacCormack, Mayor Kevin White's liaison to Boston's gay community, told *GCN* that the appointment of Rofes is "of tremendous importance to both the Department of Social Services and to the lesbian and gay community. Whenever we've got a chance we've got to get in on decision-making processes. Decisions are going to be made anyway, and they've got to be made with our input. I am really enthused about Eric's qualifications, and this is a clear recognition of his work with youth, beyond any issue of sexuality."

State Representative Barney Frank told *GCN* that "I'm delighted. I think it is a sign of great maturity that people recognize the contribution he can make. It ought to be just routine to have people representative of all interested segments of the community, but ten years ago this wouldn't have happened. Eric is very knowledgeable about the problems young people face, not just those of gay young people. He teaches predominantly straight young people."

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Community Voices

money

Dear Friends —

It was a real pleasure to have *GCN* back after its one-week vacation absence. Even one week without *GCN* makes me realize how important it is to me. I hope others feel the same way.

I am writing to comment on Allen Young's letter in the 1/12/80 *GCN*. I agree that *GCN* should pay its writers. Moreover, I am certain *GCN* is eagerly awaiting the day it will have enough money to pay its writers, as well as to pay its staff members the living wages they deserve, to rent less cramped quarters, to hire more people, etcetera.

What's the point? The point is that *GCN* is not a very wealthy organization. More to the point, *GCN* is not some monolithic thing that hangs over us, some "brooding omnipresence" under which we exist. *GCN* is our voice, our thing, our gay community newspaper. Just as the name states. If *GCN* is to get better (to continue getting better as it has done so remarkably over the years), so that it can have more staff, pay living wages, and all the rest, it will require not so much a decision on the part of the managing board as continued and increased support on the part of the entire community.

In other words, it is not *GCN* that is unwilling to pay its writers, but rather the gay community as a whole. It is not *GCN* that underpays its staff, but the gay community as a whole. With an estimated 10 to 20 percent of the population being gay, however one defines that term, it is nothing less than a scandal how undersupported the gay media are by the gay community. With no shortage of dollars to pay for watered-down drinks at the bars and discos, it is all the gay community can do to scrape up the bucks for its newspapers and magazines.

Well, you get what you pay for. More importantly, you rarely get what you are unwilling to pay for. If the gay community wants its own news reporting media, it had better be willing to pay for them. Allen Young's suggestion is a fitting and proper one. It is a suggestion, however, that would be better addressed not to *GCN* but to the entire gay community.

Gayly yours,
Bob Schwartz
Charlotteville, VA

tears

Dears,

I would like the community to judge my situation with regard to the bar, Somewhere, purportedly a "women's" bar.

Last July 4, I unfortunately fired off teargas in the men's room at Somewhere. I had been celebrating by firing off blanks, and had reloaded my starter pistol for the walk home. After a few drinks, I forgot the gun was loaded with tear gas and fired it off in a moment of jovial stupidity as I was relaxing in the men's room. No one else was in the room at the time, but imagine my chagrin when a cloud of tear gas drifted around me and I realized my error.

When the noxious odor was detected by the staff, I apologized and explained my error. Ann Maguire, the manager, very understandably, banned me from the bar for six months. But after waiting out the six month exile, I returned to Somewhere on Jan. 4, only to be insulted, bullied and told I could consider myself banned for five years, in other words, forever.

As a gay woman, this leaves me very little leeway in my social activities, since our options are few to begin with. I resent Maguire's reneging on our original agreement without explanation. I was insulted and my actions were called "inhuman." In other words, an armed woman is less than human (having rejected the role of passive victim). On the very night of my confrontation with Maguire, I was followed from Washington Station all the way to Somewhere by five drunken men howling for "cunt." Women have been raped and beaten in the area, and arming ourselves is a proof of our self-love and our readiness to defend our sisters. It's time we lesbians stop oppressing each other.

Fondly,
Marcia Womongold
Boston, MA

Anne Maguire responds: It is interesting to me that someone who makes a career of fighting pornography because it may encourage violence against women endangers women herself. It seems ironic that Marcia Womongold becomes angry when steps are taken to prevent another such incident.

appreciation

Dear Editors,

We at the Lesbian/Gay Hotline would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks and appreciation to our many friends throughout the community. Without your contributions of time, energy, and finances we would not exist.

Special thanks to Buddies, The Delivery Entrance, The Paradise Cafe, *GCN, Esplanade* and to the thousands of people who have called us this year.

This has been a year of rapid growth for the Hotline. We began the year with a staff of 23, including 4% women. Presently we have a staff of 63 with 24% women. We recently changed our name from Boston Gay Hotline to Lesbian and Gay Hotline to enable us to serve more people. The word "Lesbian" is added to make people more aware that we serve women as well as men and the word "Boston" is dropped because of the geographical limitation it implies, as the Hotline serves the entire Northeastern region.

We are constantly looking for qualified volunteers to staff the phones. We also need people for the support staff to help with mailings, benefits, etc. Anyone who is interested in volunteering and/or being put on the mailing list or would like more information may contact us at 426-9371 Monday-Friday 6pm-midnight or write: Boston Hotline Services, P.O. 2009, Boston, Mass. 02106. We will attempt to keep you informed of growth, changes, and new projects in 1980.

Sincerely,

blue in the face

Dear Readers,

I have said this until I am blue in the face, but I will continue to say it as long as it is necessary, "*INTEGRITY/Houston is not a religious organization!*" INTEGRITY/Houston is not now, nor has it ever been affiliated with the Episcopal Integrity organization.

INTEGRITY/Houston was founded in 1970 as a social/service group for gays and our friends. Unfortunately, in 1974 a group of gay Episcopalians decided to form a group within their church and decided to call it "Integrity". INTEGRITY/Houston was the *original* "Integrity", however.

Houston does have an Episcopal organization, but it is called Episcopal Integrity.

So, to all of you that have said that you weren't interested in joining INTEGRITY/Houston because you thought that we were a religious group, we want to invite you to attend one of our new member orientation sessions that are held on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30p.m. at 3405 Mulberry. At this meeting, which lasts only an hour, you will be given background information on INTEGRITY/Houston's purpose, and shown a slide history of the group. After this meeting you are eligible to become a member of Texas' oldest active gay organization.

Yours truly,
Richard Burkhart
Secretary, INTEGRITY/Houston
Houston, TX

clearly

Dear *GCN*,

I have just read the article "How to Spot a Homosexual" by Gregg Howe in the December 22nd issue. I know it is a pamphlet to be published by The Department of Immigration. I would like to ask where do they get their information? I as one gay do not like them saying that all Nazis and homosexuals are one and the same. Where do they get off by saying, "let this agency assure it's employees that a government which has developed the means by which all life forms on this planet can be efficiently destroyed will not fail in this most imperative endeavor?" Are they saying here that all gays should be destroyed? I think that all gays should unite and write to their congressmen and object to this outrageous discrimination against gays everywhere. This is clearly bigoted and biased thinking as well as homophobia.

Sincerely yours,
Lawrence Shirley
Atascadero, CA

Editor's Note: Lest there by any doubt, Gregg Howe's piece, "How to Spot a Homosexual," was intended to be humorous.

hard times

Dear *GCN*,

Many things have I been called in my life — but never a "conservative" in the manner in which your excellant writer, Mr. John Kyper, referred to me in the article "San Francisco Elections." While I did so enjoy the article, it was just as slanted as the writings in the "Other Voice" papers here in town. And truly, gentle people, *The Crusader* can be called "radical," "erratic," etc., but please, in heaven's name, don't compare us to the Manchester paper. I don't think they have our kind of coverage.

It's time I opposed "a gay supervisor," for I want to halt the fast-growing "ghetto mentality" which Britt and others are helping to establish, and your articles only help this evil. Dear Persons, "ghettoism" is a sickness and can only oppress homosexual people. We are in a dangerous time in our city — the election of Mayor Feinstein heralds the beginning of a "standard of morality," which she will impose upon us. Please believe me, for hard times are upon us.

We need a gay to be elected citywide — not in a tiny little ghetto area. Citywide only will prove we have "gay power." I am afraid that you all don't really comprehend what the facts really are!

Thanks,
Ray Broshears
San Francisco Crusader
San Francisco, CA

robin

Dear *GCN* —

As a lesbian who was quite dubious when Mayor White appointed a white gay man as his liaison to the gay community, I have been very pleased with Robin MacCormack's work on behalf of lesbians and gay men in Boston. This was brought home most recently when I saw him appear on television on New England Today this past Monday.

I was very proud to be represented by this man. He was both sensitive and articulate and spoke with great conviction and with an underlying gentleness. He made no pretenses about speaking for all of us, but was careful to insist that our community is diverse and cannot be represented by one person. He consistently brought attention to the fact that women are a part of the community by using "lesbian and gay" rather than just "gay" and also did not make the mistake most men make by saying "women and other minorities" (women are the majority) but said "women and minorities." These are small points but they meant a lot to me.

The issues he talked about — violence in the community, media exploitation, and the presidential election, were covered superficially, but the time restraints imposed by the show were at fault, not Mr. MacCormack. I was delighted that the person who represents us in City Hall acknowledged the importance of grass roots organizing — the March on Washington, ad hoc organizing committees, *GCN* — and understands how movements of the people, however chaotic and volatile they might seem at times, are ultimately responsible for presidential candidates having to take stands on lesbian and gay issues, increased media coverage, and even Mr. MacCormack's job. We are fortunate to have a person in City Hall who believes in and works in consort with our hardcore movement activists. Other cities are not as fortunate and their gay public officials become separate from/different than/more respectable than/better than the movement force that propelled them into public office.

Sincerely,
H.M.T.
Brighton, MA

P.S. I'm sorry I can't sign my name, but I am a lesbian mother and this'll cause problems.

discrimination

Dear *GCN*,

I share Arthur D. Shattuck's outrage (see "Community Voices," *GCN*, Vol. 7, No. 25) over the discrimination practiced by several of the gay bars in Boston. Because of my outrage I am amazed that Mr. Shattuck did not mention in his letter the names of the establishments he criticized. Unfortunately, these places will not change their policies "merely" because of the immorality, illegality, and outrageousness of the policies; they may, however, take some action if people complain or take their business elsewhere. The first step is to publicize (through *GCN* and otherwise) which bars are guilty of discrimination in our community. Rather than protect the guilty (as Mr. Shattuck perhaps unwittingly did by referring only to "one of Boston's gay bars"), we should name names, protest loudly and repeatedly, and encourage others to do likewise.

Yours truly,
Lew Lasher
Cambridge, MA

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Speaking Out

The Pink Triangle, the Yellow Star

By Janet Cooper

This essay was written in the summer/fall of 1974 and was edited with the assistance of Israel Fishman and Julia Stanley. It appeared in GCN *in 1975 and is reprinted here due to its relevance to the controversy surrounding Martin Sherman's play,* Bent.

For me, to be a gay is as dangerous as being a Jew.

I was born in 1942 of parents who were more committed to upward mobility than they were to their Jewish identity. To pass as gentile, they brought me up as Episcopalian. They so identified with the *goyische status quo* and were so ashamed of their own Jewish heritage that they raised me ignorant of it. I first found out that I was a Jew when I was thirteen! My parents had raised me to hate myself. This discovery radically changed my perception of myself. For the first time I identified myself as a member of a group that other human beings wanted to persecute and to exterminate for no other reason than that we existed, and I understood that other human beings would exterminate me as easily and with as little regret. But my Jewish blood is not the only reason other human beings would persecute me; I am also a lesbian.

I attended the recent *Conference on Auschwitz: Beginning of a New Era*, sponsored by the Episcopal Church at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in June 1974, and it was a cathartic experience for me in renewing my sense of being a member of a group that other human beings persecute just because we are what we are: Jewish. Both the audience and the participants had sat through several days of personal anguish listening to testimony of survivors from the camps. I became angry at the *Conference* sponsors because they had not represented all the other groups that the Nazis had systematically exterminated: the gays, the gypsies, the Seventh Day Adventists, the Jehovah Witnesses, the socialists, the communists. I especially resented the lack of concern at this *Conference* for the people whom the Nazis had exterminated specifically because they were gay. I introduced myself as a Jewish gay to some members on the podium and said that I wished to address the audience. By this time, the end of the *Conference*, so much personal testimony about the conditions and treatment of people in the camps had anesthetized the panel members, and they were numb. I became angry that the Episcopal and Jewish representatives on the podium would not hear me and refused me a chance to speak.

My experience at the *Conference* typifices the reaction of too many Jews to homosexuality. Not even now can most heterosexual Jews feel any kinship with gays the Nazis killed in the concentration camps. Even the sophisticated urban Jew perceives our existence as gays as repulsive. Not even now can the straight establishment Jew see that he is supporting a political, economic, social system and culture which violates the civil liberties of gays and that does physical violence to gay women and men as arbitrarily as the Nazis hauled Jews off to the concentration camps. There was a silence at the *Auschwitz Conference* about gay extermination . . . even as there was silence and covert political pressure from elements of this same Jewish community to defeat the civil rights bill for gay rights in New York. Indeed, several rabbis especially pressured the New York City Councilmen so that the gay civil rights bill did not pass. To paraphase Elie Wiesel, if the concept of Creation, enjoying the gift of life, is to have meaning, then both Jews and gays must give meaning to Creation by understanding each other and break the silence that has existed too long.

Jews have six million martyrs and cherish their memory by considering them all kedoshim, sainted ones, holy martyrs. (Regardless of one's previous merits, if one person kills another because the other is a Jew, then the Jew automatically achieves this holy position.) There is an integral part of Jewish ritual that proscribes a period honoring and gaining strength from the memory of such martyrs. Jews remember the kedoshim and honor them on such holy days as Yom Kippur, when the Romans persecuted Jews, and on the ninth of Ab, which commemorates the destruction of the temples. Jewish ritual carefully structures and organizes our feelings of loss and mourning about the kedoshim as a reinforcement of our heritage, identity, and spiritual and psychic strength, lest we Jews forget past persecution and forget that such persecutions might happen again.

Jews do not see the parallel between their history of oppression and the oppression of gays. As the cultures that Jews have lived in tried to deny them their history, so our culture denies gays their history: as our culture denies us knowledge of gay martyrs; as our culture tries to deny gay identity. But we do have our martyrs. From the auto-de-Fe (the Inquisition's burning of the gays at the stake during the Middle Ages), to Auschwitz and Bergen-Belsen, and the psychic and physical violence of today in America. As the bigoted hostile culture of the Iberian peninsula forced Jewish Marranos into hiding, so does our contemporary American culture force our crypto-gays into concealment. We gays have an identity, but we know little about it.

The Nazis fully intended to apply the final solution to gays as well as Jews. First, the attack on cultural institutions. For example, the Nazis burned the library of the Homosexual Rights Movement, of many thousands of volumes and nearly a century old, on May 6, 1933 — the first library of any sort the Nazis destroyed. Then, the Nazis herded gays into the various concentration camps and forced them to wear the pink triangle, and finally, systematically annihilated them. Even after people had endured the suffering, deprivation, and pain together with gays in the camps, these same people omit mentioning gays, which further adds to our anguish and to further omission. Only now, thirty years afterward, are scholars doing research on the numbers of gays the Nazis killed specifically as gays, and estimates by scholars range from many tens of thousands upwards.

For the past four years I have earned my living as a professor in an anti-Semitic town of 8,000 with fifty-two fundamentalist churches. Town graffiti include: "I have nothing against niggers/everyone should own one." "Flush twice/the niggers are hungry." The latter inscription can be found in the college library. There are swastikas. There is little conflict between town and gown. A number of local residents would just as soon beat, rape, harass a "sissy" as look at one. As the only open gay activist within one hundred miles, almost everyone shunned me. My Jewish colleagues, appreciating the fact that the local college had not hired or given tenure to Jews at this college until a few years ago, were uncomfortable lest their gentile colleagues see me with them. They feared that, because I am an open lesbian as well as a Jew, I would be responsible for one more surfacing of the heavy undercurrent of anti-Semitism in the community.

Approximately ninety percent of my students at this school do not know the word *genocide* nor do they have any concept of its meaning. The local inhabitants are tenth-generation mittel-European immigrants. These people have so assimilated American culture that they no longer know their ancestors' language, musical, and literary heritage. The one thing that has remained as part of their cultural inheritance is anti-Semitism.

One of my students presented a report on the anthology of pieces children wrote awaiting their death in a concentration camp, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly*. After she finished, I asked my class of elementary education majors how many of them would put the book on school library shelves. No one raised her hand. I asked my class why. "It's too real." "It's irrelevant." "It happened thirty years ago. It doesn't concern us." "Ms. Cooper. In our education classes our professors taught us to present both sides of an issue. You have not presented the Nazi side: the Nazis justified themselves in exterminating all the Jews because they said some Jews were responsible for Germany's signing of a dishonorable peace treaty after World War I." When I asked my student where she got that piece of information, she smiled and said, "From my history teacher." That history teacher has tenure. I, as an open gay activist (who is also Jewish) at that college, did not get tenure. In places such as this, the truth about Auschwitz will not set the people free. Places such as this will declare the truth obscene. I have known days of great despair and depression in this town. Yet I also know they seem like Simchat-Torah, Day of Joy, in comparison to what I might have experienced in Europe.

What disturbs me most about my experience facing both anti-Semitism and anti-gay feeling is how mutually exclusive and isolated both Jews and gays feel towards each other. My gay students incorporate all the local prejudices against Jews and the Jews have all the prejudices, characteristic of our culture, against gays. Neither group sees the inhumanity that is common to both prejudices. Cultural xenophobia between Jews and gays continues into each generation instead of mutual commitment to eliminate all bigoted behavior.

In explaining to my students what it means to live with the need to hide, to live with denial of self, to live with the fear of discovery, I reminded them of the time the Nazis marched into Denmark and demanded that all the Jews wear the Yellow Star of David so that Nazis could more easily exterminate them — of how the King of Denmark was the first to wear the Yellow Star and the rest of the country followed. I challenged my students to wear gay buttons for twenty-four hours without denying that they were gay. None of them did.

What about the present? The Talmud says that if you cause someone to blush, it is as if you murdered that person because you caused their blood to run and to rise. How much guilt and remorse does the straight community have for the blush when we have to deny who we are, hiding in jobs, hiding from our families? How much guilt and remorse does this same community feel when it denies us and isolates us from our children, when it subjects us to police violence, when it gives us electric shock therapy, when it subjects us to lobotomies, incarcerates us in prisons and mental hospitals, drives us to drink and drugs, strips us of our humanity. In short, what shame does the straight community feel about the physical and psychic violence for which they are responsible and to which they subject us every day, as if what happened at Auschwitz had not stopped at all but had gone subtly underground.

The spirit of the Warsaw Ghetto inspires us gays to courage and determination so that no one will silence us. The spirit of the Warsaw Ghetto lives on in the spirit of the Stonewall for those of us who have come out of the closets, and for those of us about to come out. And especially for those of us who must silently but with dignity continue to hide and to deny what we are because of the fear of the consequences when our straight family, colleagues, and friends find out that we are gay.

The kind of courage it took to stand up in the Warsaw Ghetto and offer resistance is the kind of courage it takes to be gay in our society. As long as this same society remains silent about the psychic and physical violence which this society does to gays every day, we gays are all martyrs and we are all kedoshim.

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Community Voices

bunny king

Dear *GCN*,

This letter is to correct two very serious mistakes in your article entitled, "Custody Denied Lesbian Mother" which appeared in your Dec. 29, 1979/Jan. 5, 1980 issue. First off let me point out that I am the lesbian mother in the headline and therefore I know what I am talking about. I sincerely appreciate *GCN*'s coverage, however, the fact is that I DID indeed live with Ms. Patenaude on many different occasions. The first time was when I was 17 and she was 26. I moved into her home the day after I graduated from high school. During the next five years (1971-1976) I lived with her many times. The care I had received from her in her home, after my most serious attack of deep thrombophlebitis and a pulmonary embolism was a major factor in my deciding to give her custody as opposed to someone else.

The second fact that I feel very important to clear up is the statement "There (in Vt.) she remained until November when authorities ascertained her whereabouts and returned her children to Patenaude in Massachusetts." The authorities did not return my children to Massachusetts because under the law, they couldn't. I had custody of my girls in Vermont as their natural mother and therefore it was illegal to take them out of the state without my consent. Ms. Patenaude and her attorney crossed the state line and with the help of two Vermont police officers, illegally took my children back to Massachusetts.

At a time when it appears as though every form of the media is prying into my life, and some of the straight presses are making this out to be something it is not, I can only hope that especially my brothers and sisters will check their information more thoroughly before printing it.

I again thank *GCN* for their coverage and would like to further note that I love my children with all my heart and this is primarily for them. However, the fact that all gay and lesbian parents in this state will be affected by this case makes it even more important that there be accurate reporting at every stage and with every sentence.

In the struggle,

Bunny A. King
Deerfield, MA

gay and deaf

To my dear friends, Chris and Vicki,

I wanted to express my feelings to both of you that you're doing a good, patient job writing about deaf gay issues on the *Gay Community News*. (Vicki's — *GCN*, Vol. 7, No. 6 and Chris' *GCN*, Vol. 7, No. 25.) It made me and some of my friends happy because we know many hearing people still couldn't or wouldn't know/understand about deafness and its problems. Many times these people asked us about our feelings, our lives, our education, and growing up and it was quite difficult for us to express. One explanation isn't enough or one hour talk isn't enough. It takes forever to have everyone understand about us.

My own personal hearing friends read this column and they said that they have learned many new things! You see, we are close and keep in touch almost everyday and they're still learning about deafness. It means so much to me to see them grow and learn and respect us.

I am very grateful to Vicki and Chris for spending their precious time working on these issues. Who would do this job, many hours with interpreters, tape recording, working with deaf people, and working over the drafts before it was printed? I worked closely with Vicki and Chris because it is important to me to see this subject made clear for *GCN* and it is *my world,* too. Those two women deserve the best compliments! And I love them!

Nancy V. Becker
Boston, MA

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Photos by Susan Fleischmann

Some 75 people marched from the Harriet Tubman House to Boston's Police District Four headquarters on Jan. 15 in support of Bellana Borde (in white coat, above, holding paper and microphone), who faces a trial on Jan. 17 in Boston Municipal Court on charges of assault and battery and trespassing. The charges stem from an incident on Dec. 13, 1979. Borde alleges that, while waiting for a bus on a cold night, she took shelter in a vacant building. Someone discovered her there and ordered her out. When she refused to leave, the person left and returned with police offiers who, Borde alleges, proceeded to beat her up and arrest her. Borde, 21, is a student at Northeastern University. Some of the people who demonstrated in her support are pictured below. At press time, *GCN* learned that Borde was acquitted of all charges at her trial. It was also decided that there is sufficient basis for her to lodge a criminal complaint against Officer Thomas Kiveany of District Four.

Rundle Lambasts APA

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sion than that they intended for us not to have an exhibit."

In another instance, after GCMAPA had become large and vocal and "unashamedly annouced its meetings in the official program," objection to the group's name was suddenly expressed in 1979 because it "implied an official connection with the APA." GCMAPA was pressured to add the word "member" to its title. Rundle indicated that the APA sent lobbyists to the group's '79 convention exhibit to encourage the change. When the members voted to make the change, APA President Alan Stone was "delighted."

Sharp disagreement exists within GCMAPA over just how uncooperative the APA has been. President-elect David Kessler told *GCN*, "My personal view is that Dr. Beigel has been very cooperative with the Gay Caucus." He added that "if the Gay Caucus had wanted a major address, we should have gotten off our asses a little earlier." Kessler noted that three evening panels on homosexuality have been accepted by the Program Committee. Dr. Lawrence Mass, editor of GCMAPA's newsletter, called the rejection of the Marmor lecture "bureaucratic excuses," but noted that "Dr. Beigel has bent over backwards to help us in every way possible . . . Without our friends in psychiatry we'd be in very hot water."

Rundle argues that Kessler is "afraid of stirring up controversy. His belief is that you play nice with people and you get what you want." He speculates that Kessler's upcoming presidency may mean a less visible stance for GCMAPA. "He may be able to accomplish what needs to be done that way," commented Rundle, "[but] it's just not my style." Rundle also said that until now the general attitude among GCMAPA's 140 members has favored high visibility and a strong, open position, but he views the group as becoming increasingly more timid.

APA President Alan Stone termed Rundle's accusations "unfair." He told *GCN* that "the APA has taken a remarkably strong stand given the tensions attached to these issues on homosexuality." Stone points out the creation of a Task Force on Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Issues created in 1978 by the Council on National Affairs. Rundle, however, charges that the Task Force was prevented from performing a survey of the APA membership by the unnecessarily cumbersome demands of the Council on Research and Development for what Rundle calls "a questionnaire which will give gay members of the APA the opportunity to substantiate their existence."

Responding to the rejection of Marmor's lecture, Stone argued that he had been honored the previous year and that "the Program Committee is more concerned about whom to give the honors to than what subject to present . . . Dr. Rundle just doesn't understand how complicated a bureaucracy the APA is." Asked whether it was important to have a major address on homosexual love considering this year's theme, Stone replied that "it is important to have someone talk about love and social value judgments affecting our thinking about love."

San Francisco Swears In Public Officials

By John Kyper

SAN FRANCISCO, CA — Declaring her desire "to end, once and for all, the divisiveness that has taken such a heavy toll on this city in recent years," Dianne Feinstein innaugurated her first term in her own right as the city's 35th mayor at noon on Jan. 8. She was sworn in by California's controversial Supreme Court Chief Justice Rose Bird in an elaborate ceremony in the rotunda of City Hall. The mayor took her oath of office in a scene almost resembling a coronation, on a red-carpeted grand staircase, before a military honor guard and an audience of 2500.

Feinstein then attended the swearing-in of the new Board of Supervisors as the guest of honor. Judge Dorothy von Beroldingen administered the oath to the six members who had recently been elected. In a brief talk the mayor noted that nearly half of the board was now composed of women. When she first ran for the board a decade ago, she said, von Beroldingen was also a member, and people were concerned that there would be "too many women" on the body. Harry Britt nominated John Molinari to a second term as board president. The motion passed unanimously.

Earlier in the day Michael Hennessey was sworn in as sheriff, also by Justice Bird. By contrast, his innauguration ceremony was brief and simple. He received an enthusiastic ovation when he pledged to restore the women's work-furlough program, which had been eliminated by his predecessor, Eugene Brown. Two other top law enforcement officials, District Attorney Arlo Smith and Police Chief Cornelius Murphy, were sworn in in separate ceremonies the same day.

Photo by Rink

Dianne Feinstein has been sworn in to her first term as the elected mayor of San Francisco.

Police Consider Gays In Killing

Compiled by Bennett Klein

TRENTON, NJ — Trenton police are investigating the possibility that the murder of Emma Jane Stockton on Dec. 7, 1979, may have been committed by a gay man. However, Trenton Police Detective Leo McGann told *GCN* that such a possibility is only one among several being considered by investigators. McGann commented that "there is nothing cut and dried to say yes or no . . . there are no hard and fast suspects."

McGann noted that several newspapers have exaggerated the importance of a possible gay link to the case. For example, the *Star Ledger* of Newark (NJ), in its Dec. 12 story on the Stockton murder, used the headline "Slay Probers See Gay Link To Socialite."

Stockton, who came from one of New Jersey's most prominent families, was active in several civic organizations and was the Executive Director of the Greater Trenton Symphony. She frequented New Hope (PA), a small artistic community with a large gay population, and her close friends report that "she dated a lot of gay guys." It is believed that Stockton was bisexual.

Stockton was found in her Mill Hill (NJ) townhouse brutally beaten, burned and stabbed 40 times. Police say Stockton had recently inherited about $1 million. Police, however, have ruled out robbery since several valuable possessions in her house were not taken.

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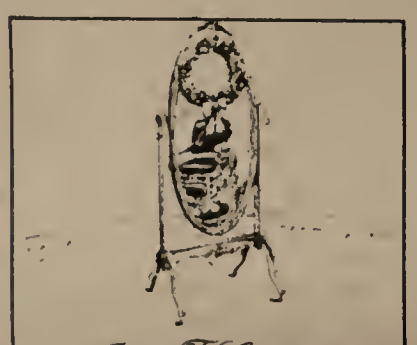

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Gays Converge on Sacramento

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legislation, we're going to try to unseat those who vote against us."

Several speakers emphasized the connection between gay and other liberation struggles. Diana Ryan of the United Farm Workers paraphrased John Donne: "You never need to ask for whom the bell tolls when they're screwing around with somebody's civil rights. You know that it's tolling for you."

Although many people had left by the time she spoke, Dr. Jeanette Mondanaro's bitter description of her experiences with Gov. Brown received some of the loudest applause of the rally. She claimed that Brown had delayed her 1976 appointment as state drug abuse director upon learning that she was a lesbian until after the primaries, because he was afraid she would hurt his presidential chances. She condemned him for allegedly promising patronage appointments to gays in exchange for their support in his current bid for the presidency. She questioned the sincerity of his support for the gay bills.

Echoing emcee Robin Tyler's denunciation of "homocrats," Mondanaro declared, "What we need is to show that we don't want position because we're gay. We just want the same rights that every human being ought to get. To portray gay people as a monied group of people who have the power to elect a president is not helping us. I'm worried about the waitresses and I'm worried about the secretaries. I'm worried about the people who don't have the privilege, and they're not going to get it by following that fucking governor." She urged gays to support "someone who won't use us and pit us against the blacks and the browns and the poor people."

Veteran gay activist Morris Kight called the march and rally "the most dramatic thing I've ever seen." He described the march in the rain as "a powerful statement" and compared its spirit to the first Christopher Street West march in Los Angeles in 1970. March organizer Joyce Azelton termed the event "phenomenal" in terms of people's commitment in the foul weather.

Religious fundamentalists opposed to the bills planned a counter-demonstration, claiming that the bills would apply to religious institutions. March organizers denied the allegation by noting that such institutions were specifically exempt in the language of the bills. Three counter-demonstrators held huge signs that threatened eternal damnation. The demonstrators and their expensive signs (mounted on a backpack with aluminum poles) have appeared at other gay demonstrations, in Berkeley, at the March on Washington, and at International Women's Year in Houston.

Nearly 300 people remained in Sacramento on Monday to lobby for the gay bills. At noon, 70 people attended another rain-soaked demonstration on the Capitol grounds.

On Tuesday, Jan. 15, the Assembly Ways and Means Committee approved A.B. 1 by a vote of 11 to 5, after several hours of testimony. This was the first gay employment bill to be voted out of committee in California. Its fate is less certain once it reaches the Assembly floor. By law any bill that is not voted out of its house of origin by the end of January automatically dies. Assembly business has been brought to a standstill by a bitter challenge to the rule of Speaker Leo McCarthy. One of the Senate bills was scheduled to be heard on Wednesday by the Industrial Relations Committee, which killed a similar bill last year.

The Sacramento march had been called shortly after the October March on Washington by California Human Rights Advocates (CHRA), lobbyists for gay legislation. The march was to coincide with CHRA's Constituent Lobbying Day, scheduled for Jan. 14, 1980. March headquarters were in Sacramento. In addition, there were also ad hoc local committees in San Francisco, San Diego, Los Angeles, and Fresno.

UA Releases New Film

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you put it in a heterosexual context I've seen it a million times. It was also bad technically. What it reminded me of was sort of a lesbian version of *Reefer Madness*. It's so cornball and idiotic that the lesbian thing in it is probably the only way they could sell this film."

Jan Oxenberg, a lesbian filmmaker and a spokesperson for the National Association of Lesbian and Gay Filmmakers, said that *Windows* is "a terrible movie and really very poorly executed." Oxenberg has been involved in organizing a protest against the movie because, she said, "We feel that most viewers will dismiss the film as an insult to their intelligence, and it is a really bad film, but I don't think that we should only protest the good films."

A coalition of lesbian, gay, and feminist groups will be picketing and leafletting on Jan. 18 outside two of the New York City theaters at which the film will open.

The focus of the demonstration will be on the censorship of positive images of gay people in Hollywood movies. Said Oxenberg, "With the protest of *Cruising* there was a lot of discussion of censorship and that we were trying to censor them [Hollywood movie companies]. We would like to shift the focus to the real area where censorship occurs, which is their censorship of us. We also want to raise a request to United Artists to begin negotiations to produce some of these films. [which they have censored]." Oxenberg also pointed out that the film is being protested not only for its portrayal of a lesbian, but for the inclusion of scenes of rape and violence against a woman.

GCN contacted the head of publicity for United Artist in New York City, who asked not to be identified. He said that "it is a film that will probably open on Friday and between you and I, honestly, will not be in a theater very long. I don't anticipate any kind of serious backlash; people may dislike the film but I don't think it's an important enough or major enough film to really waste anyone's energies on." When asked if the protests against *cruising* had had any effect on United Artists decision about how to portray gays in their films, the spokesperson said, "I think United Artists and all the other film companies are far more sensitive to the entire issue right now, as a result of *Cruising* and other things — it all started with the reaction to *Soap*. People in media are definitely more sensitive to these issues." About the movie's portrayal of the lesbian character he told *GCN* that "the reaction I've gotten from a lot of people, gay and straight, is that it's not so much the movie of a lesbian psychotic killer, because you reach a point where you don't care whether she's lesbian or straight or otherwise, she's just a psychotic killer, you don't believe anything in the movie for a minute, and that's the reason why nobody, as far as I know, is directing any major effort against the film." When asked about the violence against women in the film, he said, "In terms of that, it [the film] also handles it very sensitively. A rape is not sensitive, but the after-effects of it, I think, it handles quite responsibly, in terms of the sympathy that is required for the character. After the rape, Shire handles herself properly — she goes to the police and brings it to their attention rather than not dealing with it." Asked if the police handled the rape well, he replied, "Yes, they do capture the rapist, but I'm giving you a great deal of the story line. I strongly suggest that you go see the film." The spokesperson also said that the producer has suggested that before anyone jumps on a bandwagon against the film, it should first be seen. "The bottom line is, don't go out and attack things that you haven't looked at from both sides."

Jan Oxenberg told *GCN*, "The United Artists people are trying to downplay the film by saying that it is a small film. I got the feeling that they themselves are very embarrassed about it. But whatever they personally feel about it, they still are trying to make money from it."

Immigration System Lists Gays

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solely by the consular officer . . . The basis for invoking Section 212 (A) (4) [of the 1952 Act, as amended, under which suspected homosexuals may be excluded] will be the standard of 'reason to believe.'"

Vance's order, said Lucia Valeska, Co-Executive Director of the National Gay Task Force (NGTF), could be "very dangerous." Essentially, it places an inordinate amount of power in the hands of diplomatic and consular officials abroad, giving them the right to exclude a potential visitor to this country solely on the basis of appearances. Consider the stigmatization which occurs when a person is denied entry on such grounds and the passport or visa is stamped with a statement to the effect that exclusion is on the basis of "sexual deviance."

It is staunchly maintained, however, that the only way to change the law or simply to halt the exclusions is through congressional action. Congress made the law, therefore Congress must change it or eliminate it.

As it stands, the law is generally viewed as unenforceable; yet foreign visitors who are suspected of being lesbian or gay continue to be detained by border guards. A lawsuit is now being prepared by three San Francisco attorneys which will challenge the manner in which INS excludes lesbian and gay foreigners.

New York City Hosts Third World

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and oppression."

Because of the coalition's decision to embrace all third world peoples and issues, it will be an "affiliate" — and not a member — of the National Coalition on Black Gays (NCBG) founded in Baltimore in 1978. NCBG limits membership to organizations focusing specifically on the issues of black lesbians and gay men. The question of the precise nature of the affiliation was raised early in the meeting, especially in regard to the designation of San Francisco as the site of the second annual conference of third world lesbians and gays. Several people remarked that transportation to the conference could pose a hardship for many third world gays, and especially for lesbians. It was decided to raise the issue with the National Coalition.

The New York coalition will work in several committees to be coordinated by a rotating steering committee. Among the committees formed are community outreach, counseling/crisis network, cultural exchange, visual and performing arts, and spirituality. Though the coalition will do political work — complementing the work of other primarily political groups in the city with its focus on specifically third world concerns — most of those present expressed, as their main interest, helping lesbians and gays of color get "connected." Major emphasis will be placed on outreach, publicizing the existence of the coalition and its purposes, and community building.

The coalition meets every Monday at 7:30 p.m. on the third floor at 26 Ninth Avenue (near 14th Street). For more information, contact Renee at (212) 242-1212 or (212) 691-4733.

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Making Ou Movement Internation

By Harold Pickett

On November 26, 1979, the International Gay Association (IGA) opened an American Liaison Office in Washington, D.C. Edmund Lynch, IGA's General ecretary, travelled from Dublin, Ireland, to preside over the pening celebration at the new office.

The IGA, which represents lesbian and gay organizations n more than 20 countries, stated that the purpose of the Liaion Office is "to inform Americans about conditions of lesians and gay men in other countries" and to "issue alerts hen the Secretariat calls for coordinated international action emergency situations."

The IGA was formed in Coventry, England, on August 6, 1978. The aims of the Association, stated in its Foundation Document, are:

> to apply concerted political pressure on governments and international bodies in the pursuit of gay rights; to maximize the effectiveness of gay organizations by coordinating political actions on an international level; to promote the unity of gay people throughout the world by the collection and distribution of information on gay oppression and liberation; to work for the liberation of gay people.

Twelve gay organizations founding the IGA represented eople from North America, Europe, and Australia. Today, here are 35 member organizations and 60 associate members roughout the world.

While only gay men attended IGA's founding conference Coventry, lesbians have begun organizing their participation the Association. There will be a "women's section" at the pril 1980, IGA conference in Barcelona and lesbian articipation is expected to result in the group's change of ame to ILGA — International Lesbian and Gay Association.

An August 1979, statement by lesbians in the IGA said, part, "We decided to try to have one organization together ith gay men, because we think that one organisation can be ore powerful. Also, gay men and lesbians have experiences f oppression of homosexuality in common. Both gay men nd lesbians have to fight against *forced heterosexuality*. But the same time we know that the situation of gay men and sbians is different. In many countries, gay men still have to ght oppression laws, while lesbians are very often ignored as omosexuals *and* women."

Important topics for lesbians were noted as: "custody; ie right to have children by means of AID (artificial inemination), adoption or otherwise; work; violence against omen; education and health; and discrimination within the ay community."

Early in December 1979, General Secretary, Edmund ynch and Clint Hockenberry, IGA's American liaison, isited New York City. During the brief visit, they discussed ie Association with *GCN*.

Asked to describe the background of the present IGA, ynch said "Back in 1974 in Edinburgh when the first Conress of Gay People [was called], they decided it would be a ood idea to set up an [international] organization. [The delegates] decided to call a meeting in Puerto Rico the following ear, but it fell through."

The main reason the proposed 1975 meeting fell through as because "the Dutch people, who are pretty much the aders in gay rights, felt the time wasn't right yet."

"Then, out of the blue, someone suggested in early 1978, iat we should get together" for another meeting. "Position apers were drawn up by the Irish, the Dutch, and the Italns." This time, "we all went along to meet each other and e all thought the time was right."

"We were able to get rid of issues" which weren't popar with all the groups and just concentrate on "the most imortant thing that we had in common, which was, that we were ay."

The group was organized somewhat along the lines of the nited Nations in terms of assisting member groups. For exmple, if a country or national group wants help on a certain roject because it would cause them political problems in their wn country if they worked on it themselves, they can turn to ie Association for assistance. Again, a group may not be able work on a certain project because of that group's constituon or specified aims. Sometimes a group simply doesn't have nyone able to work on a given project. In these instances, the GA offers valuable support.

The politics of the group is "to fight against any oppression against gay men and lesbians. It's as broad as that," said Lynch. "Within the grouping, there are eople who are to the left of politics, to the right, and people the center." Gay atheists, Christians, and Jews, and people f all races are members.

Lynch said, "I think this is the first opportunity that gay ganizations around the world have had to organize themlves on a professional level. We haven't the money, but oney isn't everything. Our approach is: if you want to play gainst government, you've got to play at their own game and eat them.

"Gay people are everywhere, like the way the Communts have cells in all parts of the government. It means that we ave gay people in every area of government. We would never ave known, for example, about Cyrus Vance's cable, an inrnal memo, that gay people are to be stopped in their own ountries before coming here, unless some gay person or suporter of gay rights within the State Department gave it to us. hat's the important thing."

"In the same way, European gay people were able to stop ie introduction of new anti-gay legislation last year in Greece. ay groups) approached Parliamentarians in Holland to sign letter, which went to the Greek government, saying that they ould not support Greece's entry into the European economic ommunity" if the anti-gay laws were passed."

"The Greek government responded by announcing the day before our demonstrations that the bill was being withdrawn, that it was put in by mistake as part of the Greek military junta (bills)." This excuse was, of course, a face-saving attempt, but "They knew that they needed the European economic community."

Clint Hockenberry pointed out that "sometimes it's important for a small, weak, isolated group, such as the Greeks, to realise there are other gay people out there who are supporting them. We, here in the United States, remember very well what happened in Dade County and how the Dutch took out an entire full-page ad in a local newspaper during the referendum. It gives people a sense of optimism and hope.

"The local Greek group responded to the IGA thanking all the organizations which had put pressure on the Greek government. They said, 'We were a tiny, isolated group who could never have defeated the Greek government alone. But with the help of an international lesbian and gay community, we were able to beat the Greek government.' They promised, out of gratitude for this kind of international pressure, that once their group was strong enough, they in turn would help other groups in other countries who are weak and being oppressed in the same situation that they were under.

"It's this kind of international aid among the lesbian and gay community that can have some important effects," Hockenberry added.

Lynch stated, "Gay people around the world, when they organize themselves can be most disruptive."

He described a situation where Finland was prohibiting distribution of information about homosexuality, unless it was negative. They wouldn't even allow publicizing of the America Psychiatric Association's change in its classification of homosexuality. Gay groups brought this issue to the Chair of the United Nations' Committee on Press Freedom. The Committee was necessarily forced to support the gay position, not because it was a gay issue or a matter of supporting gay rights, but because it was an issue of freedom of the press. The Finnish government received protests from around the world and Lynch said they are now rethinking their attitudes.

"Without this flow of international scientific information from Sweden or from other countries into Finland," Hockenberry said, "the values of Finnish society would never change. It would (remain) very homophobic in its orientation." The Finnish government "put a great deal of restraint on the development of the Finnish gay movement by denying people, for example, the information from the American Psychiatric Association. This international focus can embarrass a country and cause changes where the individual group wouldn't have that much pressure."

Continuing to stress the necessity for national groups to assist one another, Lynch said, "In Europe, we took gay liberation from the Stonewall riots in 1969. The American people have so much to offer the Europeans, but then we have so much to offer the American people as well. In the same way with the other countries, it's a two-way process. The time *is* right now. We can all help each other. We have to put away our differences. It's important that we all work together and forget about the people we may not like on a social level or whose politics we may not like. Every organization has something to offer, whether that organization has all the resources at its finger-tips or whether the only resource an organization has is one person who can staple things together. Everyone has to work at something."

Hockenberry commented, "We're not just talking about politics, either. We're talking about cultural exchanges, too. Gay people are not just (specifically) political, though sometimes their art is political. We are multi-dimensional. There's a lot to celebrate in the gay experience: the humor, the art, the joy."

Still, the necessary, immediate focus of the IGA is on political assistance to local gay groups and on international organizations which affect the rights and dignity of gay people.

Individuals around the world are writing IGA and Lynch said, "We're hoping some of them will form organizations" in their own countries. For example, Hong Kong would be IGA's first member organization in Asia if the local group develops there. There are contacts with people in Central America. Lynch also said, "We're in touch with people behind the Iron Curtain. We have problems there that we're overcoming. We're able to get a lot of our [material] into the East European countries by diplomatic courier."

The Dublin Information Centre and Secretariat generally coordinates the IGA offices, while Amsterdam is the Financial Centre and also "looks after Eastern Europe." Dublin, though, "never does anything in isolation without consulting Amsterdam" and other concerned offices. A "rather active" office in New Zealand attends for Asia "for the moment" and Spain "looks after North Africa."

"We have made sure," Lynch said, "that we always have phone numbers of individuals in different organizations so that we can keep in touch.

"If there's a political situation that needs quick action, an organization immediately phones Dublin or Amsterdam. We then put into operation our snowball telephone system where we're responsible for calling another country and getting a reply from that country's contact people." Then they, too, make calls of their own.

Lynch said by using such a system "we were able to get 2,000 Danish people on the streets in 24 hours to demonstrate against the Iranian arrests" of homosexuals.

"it's very important to use modern methods of communication," he said.

The "life-line" is one important IGA project which involves an international effort to save individual lives in local situations.

Hockenberry said, "Gay refugees are a new phenomenon which is becoming more recognised now, whereas before, it was something that occurred, but no one was able to document it."

Lynch explained the purpose of Life-line as being to rescue people who may be in danger of losing their lives. Many such people become gay refugees.

For example, in November 1979, IGA offered to work with gay and lesbian Iranians in the United States who face deportation, stating that they "*may* be able to use their homosexuality as a defense to remain in the United States. Because of the executions of gay men in Teheran (early in 1979), openly gay students may assert they would be in danger by returning to Iran because of their sexual orientation. Anything that can establish political refugee status may be successful to delay or defeat deportation under these circumstances." IGA stated that U.S. deportation hearings examiners "have stayed deportation of homosexual aliens in the past where political refugee status was determined."

If a student found it impossible to raise the issue of personal homosexuality during a public hearing, IGA said it would "attempt to locate, through its European member organizations, another host country" for that person.

Lynch said that if Iranians "admit their homosexuality in a public hearing, should they ever return to Iran after the political climate has changed, the social values that condemn homosexuality will nonetheless remain the same. They will, on record, be identifiably homosexual. That's why they're between the devil and the deep blue sea.

"On the one hand, people can use their homosexuality as evidence in a case . . . and as part of the defense (to stay in the country). But what Iranian wants to come right out in the open and say that? It's a very different situation for that person.

"In the alternative, a person who is homosexual and Iranian may be able, very quietly, to slip into a friendly country and, therefore, will not have that public image of being homosexual. So we're trying to balance it off, giving leeway for lesbian and gay Iranians to remain quiet about their homosexuality.

"Next year, it could be Chilean students or it could be anyone. But if needed, the groundwork is done," Lynch said.

Another Life-line incident occurred around the time of the executions of the twelve gay men in Iran and concerning a leading Italian activist. ("The Italians are great activists, but they never tell you about anything and suddenly they find themselves up to their necks in trouble!")

The Dublin office received an unexpected phone call from the Italian group saying, "We need action!"

"On what?" they were asked.

A leading activist was in Teheran — "He's about to be shot by the Iranians!"

"What's he doing in Iran?"

"He's there on behalf of the Italian organization doing a protest — and also on behalf of the International Gay Association."

"Why weren't we told about this beforehand? We're supposed to know!"

"We thought it was too important to tell anyone and we must get him out. He's going to be killed tomorrow at 12 noon! He's going to make a speech in front of the main prison, where he might be invited in, and we might never see him again!"

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Dublin was able to get in touch with the European Broadcasting Corporation simply because an IGA leader worked for the National Broadcasting Service. A morning conference was set up by telephone and Telex: "There is a good story, we think, in Teheran and we would like it. Do we have any film crews there?"

A French film crew happened to be available and they went out to the prison to shoot *(with film)* the Italian delivering his speech.

He was invited into the prison, but the Iranians knew the press was outside. So they released him an hour later, drove him to the airport, kicked him on a plane, and sent him home.

The National Broadcasting Service (and the IGA) was notified that the film was on its way. They said "Thank you very much" but never used the film. There was never any intention of using it; it had served, though, as a solution to a very immediate Life-line problem.

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Lynch said, describing yet another situation, "Two days before I came here by London, there was an Argentinian whose English visa had expired and he was being sent back to the Argentine. He didn't want to go back because they knew he was gay. He felt that he would simply disappear once he returned. A lot of gay people have 'disappeared' in that country. Through our British organization, we were able to arrange for two barristers to go to the Home Office, which is the equivalent of your Justice Department, to lobby for the person to be allowed to stay in England. It worked. Cases like that don't get much publicity."

Other major projects concentrate on such international organizations as the United Nations, the World Health Organization, and Amnesty International.

Hockenberry said, "We have obtained information on the procedures for applying for consultive status at the United Nations as a non-governmental organization. Over the next few months, we will be working on that as a high priority."

Certain specific requirements must be met before the application is presented to "thirteen countries which are part of this one committee for reviewing our status and our application. It's a year-and-a-half process we're talking about. So we have to do the work over the next few months and then got through the politicking that's behind it. The consultive status will give us privileges and the use of certain facilities at the U.N. and allow us to testify on issues of importance to lesbians and gay men."

A 1980's International Women's Conference is being planned and Hockenberry said "we're hoping some discussion of lesbian rights and concerns will be on the agenda. Lesbian issues never have been addressed in a world body. This seems like an appropriate forum."

Such a conference could help the situation at the U.N. Gay people, or people according to their sexual orientation, are not included in the list of those protected under the United Nations' Declaration of Human Rights. The list protects people according to language, nationality, ethnic background, race, religion and sex.

Hockenberry feels "it's going to be an uphill fight on an international level, similar to our fight here nationally" to get "sexual orientation" added to the list.

"It's going to be even more complicated once we begin the task of sensitizing the world body to the concerns of lesbians and gay men," Hockenberry said.

"Also," Lynch said, "at the same time that we are applying to the United Nations for consultive status, we are applying to the Council of Europe which deals with human rights issues. It also means that some of our member organizations will be applying to the European economic community for a grant to carry out projects on discrimination within Europe."

Lynch said one of IGA's on-going projects "is to get the classification of homosexuality as a disease eliminated from the World Health Organization (WHO)."

"What we have done is to establish a work project at the Liaison Office to correspond with the major project areas of the IGA as a whole," Hockenberry said. "We will have one person at the Liaison Office responsible for that project and working with other people. It's going to take several years to change the policies of the World Health Organization, whether we can go through a committee structure or whether we go before the full body.

"The National Gay Health Coalition and other organizations are going to cooperate with us in this specific area. We have to delete WHO's classification of homosexuality as a mental disorder."

The importance of obtaining such a change, Hockenberry said, occurs quite often because nations use the WHO classification as a basis for defining homosexuals as "sick," or as "sexual deviants." "Canada, as a nation, will not take a stand until the World Health Organization changes its tune."

Sweden, another example mentioned by Hockenberry, maintained it had to uphold WHO's classification of homosexuality and couldn't change their "sickness" designation until WHO first changed its own classification.

Hockenberry said Swedish gays began to pressure the government until their actions finally culminated in what they called a "sick-in." Gays called their employers and said, "I'm sorry, but I can't come in to work today." The employers asked, "Are you ill?" "Yes," the employees answered, "I'm seriously ill — I'm seriously homosexual!"

"At that point," Hockenberry said, "the employer was bound to give sick leave from work on those grounds. The employee was covered. Thirty to forty people in the Stockholm area last August called their employers during the sick-in. In October, the Swedish government changed its classification.

"This was not [entirely] because of the sick-in. The sick-in was just one of the things that helped to advertise the fact.

"The Swedes will support the [WHO] change now, along with the American delegation."

IGA has been working to get Amnesty International, the human rights organization, to adopt homosexuals as a group as "prisoners of conscience" whenever homosexuals are found to be imprisoned because of their sexual orientation.

At Amnesty's 1979 Belgium International Council meeting, Lynch said, "They moved somewhat closer (to the adoption of homosexuals as 'prisoners of conscience') in that they will take up the issue where people as *gay activists* are arrested and imprisoned because of gay activities in fighting for issues."

. . . Swedish gays began to pressure the government until their actions finally culminated in what they called a "sick-in." Gays called their employers and said, "I'm sorry, but I can't come in to work today." The employers asked, "Are you ill?" "Yes," the employees answered, "I'm seriously ill — I'm seriously homosexual!" . . . The employer was bound to give sick leave from work on those grounds.

For the record, the U.S. Section of Amnesty International states it "had been instructed by its 1979 Annual Meeting to advocate the adoption as prisoners of conscience all those imprisoned solely for their sexual orientation," a position which "did not carry" at the International Council Meeting (ICM) in Belgium.

A letter from AI/USA clarifies the debate: "It is important, however, to stress that the debate was not on the question of whether or not the imprisonment of homosexuals is a violation of their human rights. As the resolution states, it clearly is. The issue debated was whether this particular human rights violation falls within Amnesty International's restricted mandate, and if not, whether the mandate, and consequently the workload, should be expanded."

Besides those "imprisoned for the advocacy of homosexual equality," the prisoner of conscience distinction can be applicable where homosexuality "can reasonably be assumed to be a pretext . . . for repressing any other advocacy" apart from violence or violent activities. Thus, a gay person imprisoned for homosexuality as an excuse to silence protest on any issue can be considered a prisoner of conscience.

Amnesty states it "already can, and does, work against the execution and torture of all prisoners, including those arrested on charges related to homosexuality."

In addition, the 1979 resolution recommends the International Executive Council "to ask one or more national sections jointly to prepare an overall study of the problems involved in the possible acknowledgement of persons imprisoned solely because of their sexual orientation or nature as prisoners of conscience and present that study to the ICM in 1981 or 1982."

Lynch said, "The work is not over yet. There's nothing stopping gay people who are not politically out-front from joining their local section of AI. Then, when others raise the issue of the adoption of gay prisoners, they [the closeted gays] will dutifully put up their hands in favor. This is the way people can act as 'sleepers'. They've done their political act, yet no one knows whether they're gay or not.

"The important thing is that we must prepare our information (carefully) for submission to get gay people adopted as prisoners. We must make sure that our facts are correct. We're in the best position to know about people who are imprisoned. Perhaps if people are imprisoned, because of the prison system, they are being abused as gay people. But we must do our homework. We must get involved."

"We can't achieve our aims in two years. It's an on-going process. We must show that we're concerned about *other* people who are imprisoned. We can't be one-sided about this. In other words, we've got to take our place within Amnesty and we've got to work with people who may not have worried about us before."

"Another problem," Lynch said, "is that the people who are preparing the information on prisoners for adoption have basically ignored gay people and have been discriminating in their presentation of information. It's up to us to see that it doesn't happen in the future."

Allies for the IGA vary, according to Hockenberry, "depending on where they need our support and from whom we can get support." Usually, the Northern European countries and the groups there are helpful. Sometimes a non-gay organization will serve as a mediator with a country that would be resistant to meeting with an identifiably lesbian and gay organization.

Some countries, especially the Nordic countries, and the United States, to some extent, can be approached directly. The Western developed countries are most accessible, Hockenberry said, "because their national movements are at least open and becoming stronger. Their national governments have to pay attention to them. They may not want to, but they realize this is becoming an increasingly powerful pressure group. Therefore, they at least have to talk to the group, whereas groups in the developing world are back where we were a decade ago. They don't have the organizations by-and-large. There are some just now beginning and that's an exciting thing to see happen."

Sometime in the future, Lynch said, he would like the IGA to hold a conference in North America. "It's unfair to ask North Americans always to come to Europe and that would give us the opportunity to come here.

"It would be interesting to test the Immigration Laws, whether we'd be banned from coming in. That's a political issue for American gay people because it won't affect us too much as tourists. There might be a lot of gay people here, though, who would want to bring over their gay lovers.

"The Dutch have changed their laws on immigration and now let gay persons bring in their lovers. There are certain conditions. For example, they must be in touch with each other for two years writing letters."

Of course, the American Liaison Office will be concerned with U.S. Immigration and Naturalization policies, along with other major IGA interest areas. The office will also work with the World Council of Churches and international labor organizations, pushing for their support for gay rights around the world.

Lynch also stressed he would like for gay people to have "old magazines, flyers, hand-outs, or any gay momentoes that they're going to throw out" to, instead, put them in a package and mail it to the Liaison Office. "What you might think is of no use, the Liaison Office might want. It's very important that we protect our own culture and not let what has happened before happen again."

The IGA has designated the 28th of June as "International Gay Solidarity Day." Lynch said, "We tried to bring this as near to Stonewall (as possible), but everyone celebrates Stonewall at different times.

"On this one day, the idea is that every gay person wear a flower — a carnation. Not being nationalistic, of course, I suggested we all dye our carnations green, like Oscar Wilde who wore green. People would certainly see the visibility of gay people with their green flowers all around the world. It means that television would pick it up. At least the flower would stand out. It's a way of using symbols."

Hockenberry said, "Since this trip, we expect the number of American organizations (in the IGA) to increase dramatically. It brings up another problem on an organization level: nobody wants Americans to dominate it, including the Americans. It brings up: how can we have better representation and still remain an international body?"

Lynch felt the situation was "very healthy." He said, "We have to come up with some form of system that is equitable. Clint and I have drafted a document toward this which has to go around to all the other organizations. I think it will be carried. It's not to downgrade any one country or to make any one country stronger than the other."

Funding for the IGA comes from member organizations. "Each member organization pays the equivalent of 100 Dutch guilders." Lynch added, "That's not enough money, there's no doubt about it. We need much more money. The way we're trying to raise it is by opening up associate membership to individuals. They will receive all our communications with the exception of confidential material, which, by its nature, has to remain so. Hopefully, people will also send in donations."

Individual membership is $15; $20 for a household; and $25 for a media or associate member organization. Individuals and groups interested in becoming IGA members should contact the Washington, DC, Liaison Office.

Lynch remarked on his visit to the United States, saying, "One thing I've found interesting is how strong the gay community is becoming here is the States." He noted that political parties are sending representatives to fund-raising events. "That's a step in the right direction. The politicians, at least, are beginning to realize that gay people, especially in your society because of the vote system, often make the difference in their getting elected or not. I think that's quite clear with the Mayor of Washington, DC. He seems to have lived up to all his promises. I think the American gay people should be very proud of this."

For further information about IGA, write:
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An American Lesbian in Paris

By Karla Jay

When I arrived in Paris, I presumed that the streets would be paved with lesbians. I had grown up reading everything from Balzac to Baudelaire to Zola and Proust. Hadn't each of them included at least one lesbian in his work, even if it were a damned one? And then there were the famous lesbians of Paris: Gertrude Stein, Alice B. Toklas, Natalie Clifford Barney, Renee Vivien, Romaine Brooks, Colette. Yes, even American lesbians (*especially* American lesbians) lived in Paris. It would be simple: I would sit on one of the bridges spaning the Seine and get picked up as easily as the poor waif artist in *Les Biches* is picked up by the rich lesbian, played by Stephane Audran in the movie. If I really lucked out, Stephane Audran, my heartthrob (totally unrequited and unknown to her, alas) would pick me up herself!

Good thing I don't take my fantasies all that seriously, or I would have sat on the Pont Alexandre III until the rain battered me into the Seine. After living in Paris for several weeks, I became convinced that the streets of France hadn't seen any hot lesbian action since 1953 when Natalie Barney, then aged about 80, picked up a young thing (in her fifties) on a bench along the Boulevard des Anglais in Nice.

However, there *are* lesbians in Paris, but they're not very easy to locate. While I was there, there were no separate lesbian groups operating the way we do here in the States. The closest thing to a lesbian group in Paris was the Anglophones, a group of English-speaking women living in Paris, most of them Americans and most of them true red, white, and blue — do those colors make lavender? — lesbians. They have "outings" every week in the summer, one of which was a tea-party on Gertrude Stein's grave. As her grave was rather small, most of the women wound up sitting on Oscar Wilde's pretentious tomb nearby, but he didn't seem to mind. On another Sunday, I joined the Anglophones for a picnic at St.-Nom-de-Bretagne, a wooded area about an hour by train from Paris. It was raining as usual (even if you normally hate umbrellas, consider one for Paris), and despite assurances about how hardy the Anglophones are, only two women, one American and one French, showed up. Hundreds of French mosquitos turned out to serenade us as we ate our sandwiches, pissed hurriedly in the woods, and got back on the train to Paris. In August, the American lesbians leave Paris as does any self-respecting French person, gay or straight.

In the winter the Anglophones hold meetings, do consciousness raising and have writing support groups. Their best-known writer is an American poet, Jackie Lapidus, surely the American lesbian mayor of Paris.

Of course, there are bars in Paris, but I only heard of two which weren't tourist traps for heterosexuals: the Katmandou and Hellzapoppin'. Both are very expensive. For those of us who can hardly afford a New York bar at $3-5 entry (including one or more drinks), it's a real shock to discover that Paris is much worse. A glass of hard liquor costs fifty francs — that's over $12 in sagging U.S. dollars! Each and every subsequent drink after that also costs fifty francs. Most lesbians learn to sip one glass of scotch throughout the evening.

The cost of the evening, however, does not end with your drink. You can get to the bar cheaply on the metro or buses. However, the bars don't get going until 11 p.m. or later, and the metro and the buses stop running at 1 a.m. Unless you live or are staying nearby, you will have to take a taxi home. This means that you should plan on spending about one hundred francs (about $25) per person for a night on the town.

As for the bar itself, I won't bore you with a description as lesbian bars around the world almost all seem to be made in the same factory, as alike as are the French and American MacDonalds. (Oui, cheries, these culinary disasters are big hits in Paris.)

There are other places to meet lesbians in Paris, My own modest "almost success" was in a feminist restaurant, les Ogresses. The restaurant served French home-style food at modest prices. I had a good ratatouille — the French national vegetable dish made from eggplant — for about fifteen francs ($3.50). The waitresses and cooks sat outside drinking beer while we ate, and we had to get up and find them if we needed anything. Since we were talking in English and the people at the next table were talking in Dutch, the waitresses didn't feel, apparently, there was anyone there worth paying attention to! The Dutch women at the next table, however, were charming and spoke some broken English. It was Bastille Day (July 14), and they agreed to meet two friends and myself later to see the fireworks. We were never able to locate them later, as several million French people were tearing through the streets. Thus my almost success. On my second visit to the restaurant, the owners

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Ermangarde Keep Smiling

"Ermangarde keep smiling, no man wants a little ninny." So says Dolly Levi to Horace Van de Gelder's niece, Ermangarde, in the musical comedy 'Hello Dolly'. Ermangarde's sheltered life and shy demeanor prompt Dolly's forceful injunction. This column is dedicated to all of us who share Ermangarde's reticent nature and who have, from years of bitter experience, learned the need to keep smiling.

By Gregg Howe

I ended my television addiction at the cancellation of *The Flying Nun*, the last series in which a tasteful hat played a part. Since that time I have allowed myself to view only old Bette Davis movies, select *I Love Lucy* reruns, and *Masterpiece Theatre* presentations (the gowns are nearly always divine in these shows). My television addiction was easy to overcome as I was tired of watching straight people and their problems. I grew up with straight people and as a class they lack the imagination to have new and creative problems.

It would appear, however, that I am going to have to dust off my set. There already is a rumor that several cable television services are planning to add more gay programming in the near future and that network executives, cognizant of the high spending power of family-less gays (particularly gay males), are not far behind in their own plans. With such natural accounts as Perrier, Kawasaki, Vaseline, Adidas, etc. it is not surprising that television executives are contemplating the development of gay television series.

We can rest assured of course that the exeuctives wish to create programs which will reflect the gay lifestyle as honestly and creatively as their present programming reflects the straight lifestyle.

The following are but a few of the ideas that are no doubt being bantered about concerning the development of gay television programming.

T.V. Guide

Action Drama Series

Carlotta's Devils

This one-hour weekly series would feature Ethel Merman as Carlotta DeVries, head of an elite detective agency. The Devils themselves are three gay male hunks who, when not on active duty, lounge around their gym-equipped living room. Each segment will expose the Devils in revealing swimsuits, towels, jock straps, etc. The actual sexual entanglements among the Devils will be kept mysterious, although the innuendos will leave plenty of room for the viewer's imagination.

Opening episode: A truck convoy of amyl nitrate is hijacked in the Bible Belt causing fierce amyl price wars throughout the land. The Devils believe the convoy was hijacked by a militant born-again Christian organization calling itself Operation Sodom. Disguising themselves as traveling evangelists, the Devils must win the confidence of Operation Sodom's sadistic and charismatic leader.

Old West Hot

This western series is set in San Francisco in the 1860s. Burt Jacks, with the aid of his Chinese houseboy, Caco, is striving to bring culture to this untamed world. If it takes a gun to protect his opera house, Burt will not be daunted.

Opening episode: A group of redneck cowboys threatens the opening of Wagner's *Rienzi*. Burt cannily seduces the cowboys' leader and through blackmail forces him to act as a spear carrier in the production. This seduction is accomplished only after Burt literally shoots the chaps off the cowboy leader at twenty paces.

Quitzy

This medical drama stars Paul Lynde as Dal (pronounced Doll) Quitzy, a disease specialist who swishes and wisecracks through one epidemic after another. Quitzy is obsessed by his gorgeous but asexual assistant, Butch.

Opening episode: Quitzy tries to find the source of a new strain of terminal gonorrhea, which he believes is emanating from a high class call boy service, i.e., hit service, operated by the mafia.

G.N.Y.P.D.

In this police drama we follow the daring exploits of the Gay Squad of the New York City Police Dept. The series focuses on Bill, John, and Jill, and the somewhat unorthodox methods they employ to crack their cases much to the chagrin of Comm. Doug Smith, portrayed by Jack Webb.

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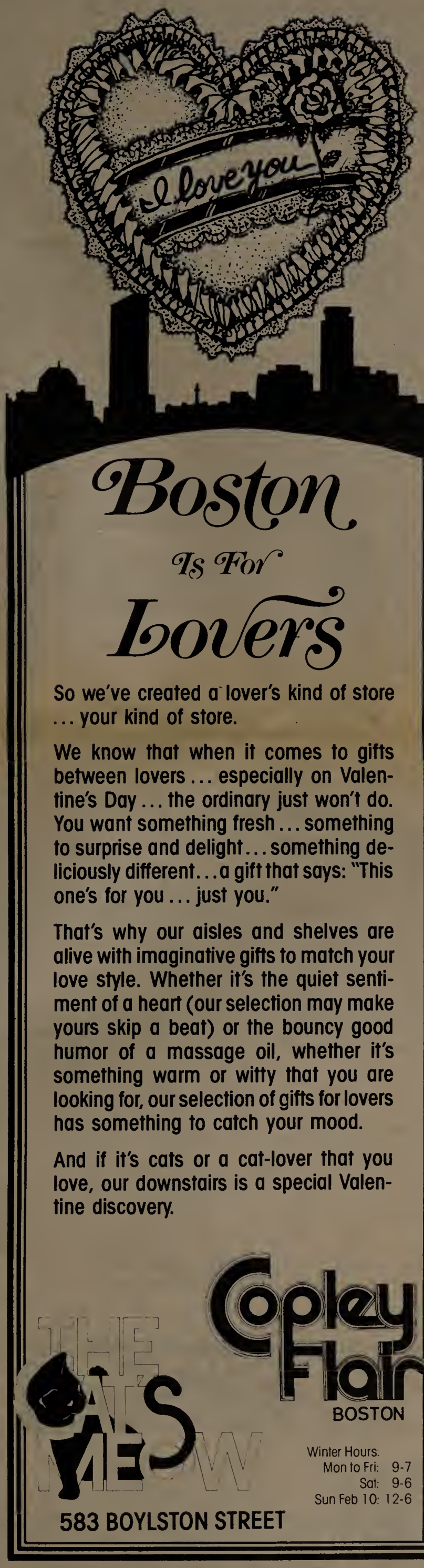

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Reading Left to Left

By Steve Forgione

Even though articles have appeared in many newspapers and journals reflecting a Marxist critique of gay oppression and the struggle against it, very little has been printed in a pamphlet or book format. However, there are now several pamphlets/booklets made available from the radical presses which range from historical accounts to analyses and polemics on theory and practice dealing with this question. Several of them have been in print for awhile, but since their subject matter is even more relevant today than when they were published, they deserve to be listed here again.

The lengthier contributions are from World View Publishers. It is fortunate that they have recently reprinted Bob McCubbin's *The Gay Question* in a second edition. By using an anthropological and historical approach in this pioneering work, McCubbin gives a Marxist view of the roots and history of gay oppression. The author concludes that a complete restructuring of society (socialist revolution) is necessary in order to end centuries of gay oppression. The main criticism I have of this work is that it's too short (and therefore sketchy in places). One can only regret that an expanded edition of this piece wasn't forthcoming.

World View's new release, off the press just in time for the Oct. 14 March on Washington, is *In Th Spirit Of Stonewall.* It is an interesting compilation of news articles from *Workers World* (the newsweekly of the Workers World Party and Youth Against War and Fascism—YAWF) that covers the different developments in the lesbian/gay movement since the Stonewall Rebellion. Through these articles, one gets a broad view of the many faceted struggles of lesbians and gay men. Arranged chronologically, the articles recount the fight against governmental attacks, right-wing violence, and the hate campaigns of Bryant, Briggs, and Co. There are also pieces about court battles for custody rights, the plight of gay prisoners, transvestites, and transsexuals and the many other issues which have become part of our common struggle for liberation. Besides instilling pride in the achievements of our brothers and sisters, these accounts drive home the cold fact that these struggles are as pressing today as they were ten years ago, despite any progress that has been made along the way. Laced among these news items are good supportive articles on how to connect gay and lesbian struggles with those of other oppressed people. We are reminded by this pamphlet that Stonewall has always meant, Fight Back!

Both booklets cost $2.00 each plus .50 for postage and can be ordered from the publisher at 46 W. 21st St., New York, NY 10010.

A different type of publication is the collection of essays published by the Gay and Lesbian Task Force of the NAM (New American Movement) Socialist Feminist Commission. It is the first issue of *Working Papers On Gay/Lesbian Liberation and Socialism.* It costs $1.00 and can be sent for at: NAM, 3244 N. Clark, Chicago, IL 60657.

The essays are varied, but all deal with the question of gay liberation and its relationship to the questions of sexuality and capitalism, culture, ideology, "the personal as political;" and similar issues. These are all issues not generally taken up by the Left when dealing with this subject. An important feature of the *Working Papers* is its open invitation to its readers for critiques and new articles for future issues. In this way, an on going discussion will evolve between NAM members and nonmembers. NAM's intent in issuing *Working Papers* is to reach out to two particular audiences: those socialists who don't see the importance of the lesbian/gay liberation movement to their movement, and those gay men and women who do not see the relevance of a socialist perspective to their fight for liberation. Though this is a publication of an organization, there is no party sloganeering, but rather an honest and open discussion by lesbians and gay men themselves, about their oppression and struggle as Marxists. If handled properly, the *Working Papers* could serve as a much needed theoretical journal of the gay Left in the U.S., along with *Gay Insurgent* (a quarterly produced in Philadelphia).

Two other pamphlets of note discuss the same issues. They are timely in putting certain recent developments in the American class struggle in perspective. In particular, they discuss anti-gay bigotry and anti-feminism as an important political force gaining momentum as economic and social crises worsen. (One need only point to the lavish multi-million dollar reception for the pope recently, while he helped fan the flames of reaction against the gay and feminist movements. Both pamphlets provide a positive contribution to an analysis and program for action and deserve to be studied.

The titles of the pamphlets are *The Meaning of Gay Liberation* by John F. Burnett and *Sex, Family and the New Right* by Linda Gordon and Allen Hunter. Send .65 to Burnett at 716A Clayton, San Francisco, CA 94117 for his piece, while Gordon/Hunter's can be ordered from New England Free Press, 60 Union Square, Somerville, MA 02143 for .50.

Finally, the theoretical/programmatic fight that took place in the then Los Angeles-based group Lavender and Red Union, which ended with the Union's dissolution into two Marxist groups (the Sparticist League and the Revolutionary Socialist League), has produced a *Document of Struggle: Gay Liberation through Socialist Revolution.* The basic issues battled out in the Lavender and Red Union are ones still to be confronted in many organizations of the Left (particularly the Socialist Workers Party—SWP). These issues concern the evaluation of the importance and the dynamic of the lesbian/gay struggle in relation to the struggle for socialist revolution. This document reveals the shamming of those socialists who say that they are against gay oppression, but at the same time refuse to concretely integrate this struggle into their party's program.

The *Document of Struggle: Gay Liberation Through Socialist Revolution* costs .50 and is ordered from RSL, P.O. Box 562, New York, NY 10036.

I hope that these, too few, publications will encourage other individuals and organizations to take up this important task of providing a clear and unsectarian discussion and further elaboration of the relationship of lesbian and gay liberation movements to the Left.

Television

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The two-hour premiere of G.N.Y.P.D. has Bill posing as a masseur at the Kiki bath house located on Manhattan's posh upper East Side. The Squad must discover how the club's powerful and libidinous owner is managing to sell young faggots and dykes to rich oil magnates.

Situation Comedy

Rooms for Rent

The shenanigans of a semi-retired female impersonator, Lily Larue, and his manager, Nancy, as they operate a large Provincetown guest house with the aid of a zany group of young faggots and dykes.

Opening episode: Lily and Nancy manage to attract a convention of cardinals and their efforts at understated elegance and ecclesiastical charm are highlighted by Lily's performance of her old vaudeville routine "The B.V.M. is Bald." (B.V.M. = Blessed Virgin Mary).

Three's a Mess

The fun focuses on three male nurses who share a flat on Boston's historic Beacon Hill. We follow their amorous exploits and their hilarious careers as they climb the ladder of sports medicine.

In the first episode all three set their nurses caps for Lance Mac, a football star who is suffering from a strained groin. Lance, however, seems to have eyes only for Todd Wilson, the vicious head nurse of the sports medicine floor.

In the Closet

A lighthearted look at the gay fifties, when faggots and dykes role-played. Dick and Maxene Marston are legally married and clawing their way to the top of the Atlan Corp., the world's largest girdle manufacturer. Their gay lovers, Alex and Estelle, keep house, play bridge, and generally wreak havoc as the foursome share a two-family house in Philadelphia and try to appear to the world as two happily married heterosexual couples.

Opening episode: Maxene's down home Texas parents arrive unexpectedly for an extended visit while Maxene and Estelle try to celebrate their third anniversary.

Lou and Sally

Lou and Sally are two New York City dykes who have left the rat race and bought an auto garage in Eugene, Oregon. Determined to be the best mechanics in the west, the two must first clear out the previous tenants of the garage, a group of hippie faggot freeloaders.

In the first episode Sally decides to teach the faggots to earn their own way, but grease under the fingernails does not appeal to the faggot freeloaders.

Variety

The Village People Show

The singing group, the Village People, star in this weekly variety series that is loosely strung to a plot. The singers not only perform but also own and manage a successful discotheque.

The first episode finds our stars trying to discover a subtle method of discriminating against women, as the club is receiving adverse publicity from a group of protestors calling themselves Dykes for Disco.

Science Fiction

Planet Homo

This space story is set in the future and has five gay astronauts marooned on the planet Homo. The three men and two women astronauts must help the homos fight against the invasion of the evil beings from the planet Hetero.

In the series pilot the three male astronauts are captured by the evil Dr. Spermatazoa, the leader of the heteros, and are about to be reprogrammed and placed in the infamous Queerbash Squad. Alice and Faye must disguise themselves as hetero courtesans to effect their comrades' release.

Paris

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were much friendlier and invited me to their closing party (they have since moved to a new location), but then I was by myself and spoke to them in my almost flawless French. (One needs to know French in Paris, lesbian or not, as most Parisians do not speak English, and even if they do know English, they usually won't speak it anyway.)

There is also a feminist bookstore in Paris, the Librairie des Femmes, on the rue Sts. Peres (literally the "street of the holy fathers": Paris is full of such ironies), but brace yourself for a cold welcome. Parisians are not known to be extremely warm to strangers, but these women went out of their way to be cold and uninterested. Luckily I had been forewarned that these women treated everyone, French or not, with the same lack of hospitality. They seemed genuinely annoyed that customers were interrupting whatever it is they do when they have no customers. They didn't know their stock, were not interested in ordering what was not on their shelves, and they were often closed without explanation during hours they are supposed to be open. (Note that many French businesses close during lunch: 12-2 p.m.) I finally wound up giving my business to a little, woman-owned bookstore in my neighborhood, as they gladly ordered books for me.

As opposed to my negative experiences with feminist establishments, I had good luck on the streets. French women, of whatever sexuality, will flirt with you, and often the lines between hetcro- and homosexuality seem much thinner in Paris: most of the straight women I spoke with there readily related their lesbian experiences.

Being gregarious myself, I was not averse to talking with total strangers on the street, but most women would just smile and flirt and keep walking away. When I glanced over my shoulder, they were still smiling as they moved further away. Customs and gestures do not mean the same thing in every country, and one should exercise caution. However, I did manage to strike up some nice conversations with total strangers and get sound information, or at least a friendly chat.

Mostly, I wound up meeting other lesbians through friends and friends of friends, and gradually my circle of acquaintances broadened until I knew almost as many women in Paris as I do in New York, my hometown. I made many close friends I hope to keep the rest of my life, and I met many informed, liberated, fascinating lesbians there.

Would I recommend that other lesbians go to Paris? Well, it's not as liberated as Amsterdam, which boasts lesbian graffiti on the walls of buildings. And it's certainly not like in those novels I read far too many of anyway. But if you leave your illusions and stereotypes behind (women who look like they *have* to be lesbians often aren't, alas) and take good French language skills and lots of francs with you, Paris is still the city of endless charm and romance, the city of love. And of course . . . I did fall in love there.

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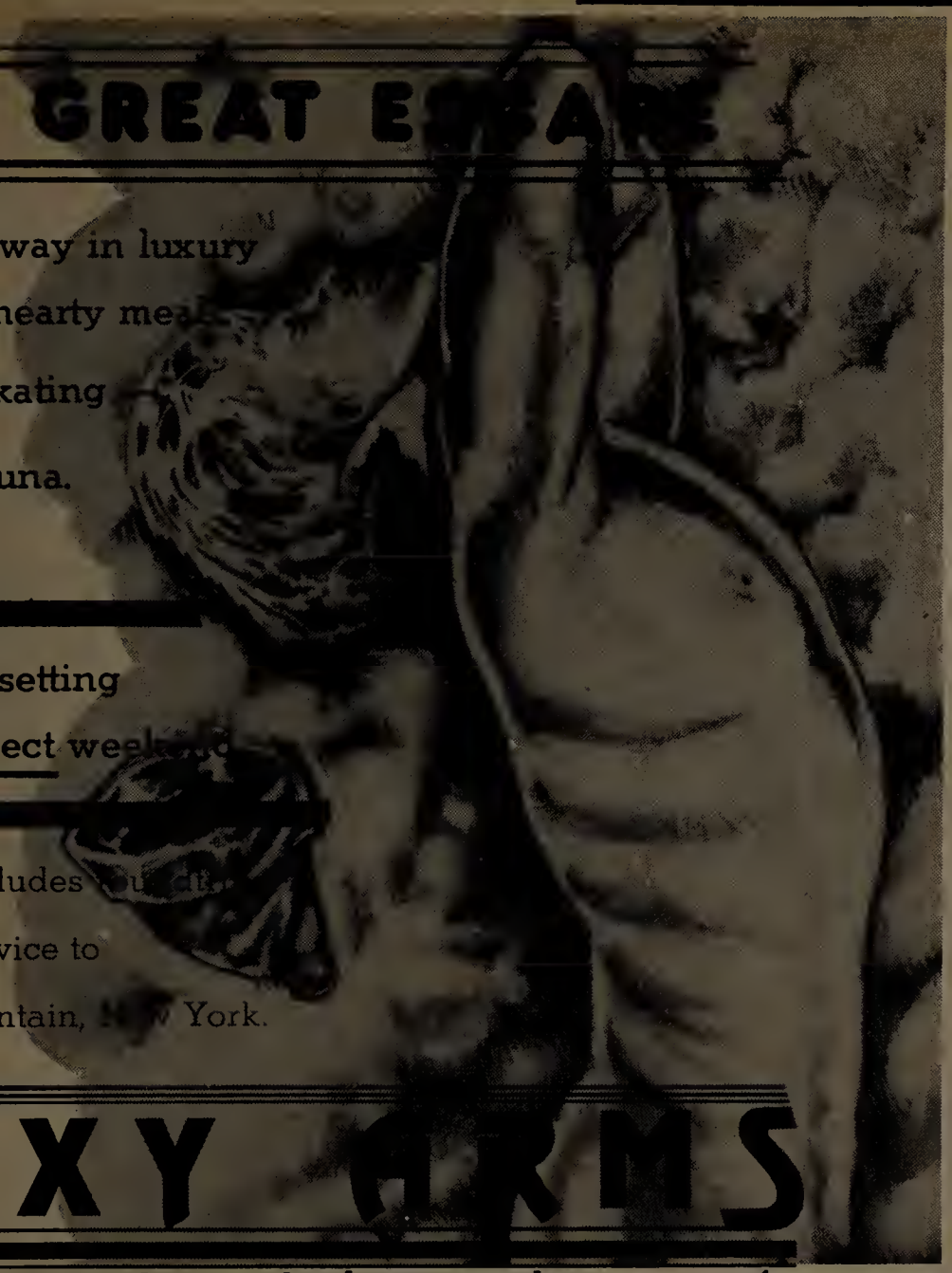

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UNO UNO UNO
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Church service at 2 Wellington St., 7pm Sundays. Potluck Supper and Communion every Weds. at 7pm. 753-8360.

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For United Methodist Lesbian and Gay Male Concerns—New England Chapter. For more information and/or support reply to GCN Box 985.

Interested in starting a rap group for mature, settled gays 25-40, free, not prof led, not crisis, but issue oriented. GCN Box 188. (28)

PUBLICATIONS

NEW GAY-OWNED MAGAZINE
AFTA Magazine — reviews gay records, books, businesses. Seeks ads, investors, writers/artists. Sample $2.50, 6—$10.00 Bill Marcinko, 47 Crater, Wharton, NJ 07885. (27)

HOW GAY IS YOUR LIBRARY?
Pamphlet of tips for non-librarians on how to get gay materials into libraries, available from the Gay Task Force of the American Library Association. "Censored, Ignored, Overlooked, Too Expensive? How to Get Gay Materials into Libraries" explains library selection policies in a general way, and tells how you can get a library to buy more gay books & periodicals. Also tells what to do if library refuses your request; why gay bks are sometimes kept where you have to ask for them; & how to donate materials to the library. $1 to Barbara Gittings — GTF, P.O. Box 2383, Phila., PA 19103. Bkstore & bulk order discount available. More info: Barbara Gittings (215) 382-3222. (c)

FOCUS
Focus: a bi-monthly journal for lesbians, $8.00 per year, $1.35 per individual copy. 1151 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, MA 02138. Publishes fiction, poetry, reviews, essays, graphics. Editorial meetings first Monday of every other month (Apr, June, etc.) at 8pm. Call 259-0063 for info. We need writers and production people. A good place to learn how to put a magazine together.

GAY SCENE — The Picture Homophil Monthly in 8th Year of Publication. News From Everywhere; Movement News; King's Reviews (Stage, Screen, Book & T.V.); D.D.'s Best Bets; Lesbian Life; Articles; Nude Plaything of the Month; Religious News; Personals; and More. Send $1 for sample copy, $8.00 for 12 issues (in plain envelope) to REGIMENT, Box 247, Grand Central Sta., NYC 10017.

Guardian, independent radical newsweekly, covers black, women's, gay struggles and liberation movements around the world. Special offer: six weeks for $1. Guardian, Dept. GCN, 33 W. 17 St., NYC, NY 10011. (c)

Before you stop trying to find a lover try us. Advice, Fantasies, Personals. Twelve issues $10, sample $1. *You're Not Alone,* P.O. Drawer 8398CH, Atlanta, GA 30306 (c)

I am interested in people who are sincere, gay, 29, 5'11", 104. Frederick Jobe 065345, 87-223, P.O. Box 221, Ralford, FL 32083. (49)

I would very much like to write to someone regularly and form a great friendship. I am 21 and just beginning to come out. Joseph Sims, A-98048, Box 87, Menard, IL 62259. (5)

Yng, effeminate GM 25, Black, 5'7", 110 seeks understanding, friendship, love. Will ans all. Kenneth Ruff 152-753, P.O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699. (5)

Latin American, 5'10", 179, like to lift weights, will be turning pro boxer in 1980. Herman Pridgen 065230, H-108, P.O. Box 158, Lowell, FL 32663. (5)

Declared gay, lonely, intelligent, witty, seeking any and all communication from gays who are willing to pass along a bit of their time to a deprived gay. Emerson Robert Clayton Jackson 036557, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (5)

29, like reading, writing poems, chess, weight lifting. Very sincere, will ans all. I love people. Carl Berry 147-284, P.O. Box 69, London, OH 43140. (5)

GWM, 19, brn h, bl e, 5'2", 123. Like music, reading, sports. Looking for pleasant relationship to continue after release. Will ans all. Thomas Hodges 035201, P-1-N-3, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (5)

I'm black, nice looking, 23 yrs of age, vegetarian, healthy, and I'd like to write to someone who's gay, black or white. Timothy L. Fears, 147-784, P.O. Box 57, Marion, OH 43302.

GWM, 28, 6', grn e, lt brn h, practicing attorney-in-fact. Lonely, desire correspondence w/anyone regardless race, etc. Need someone who cares. Randy Bullen 138875, MCTC, Rt 3, Box 3333, Hagerstown, MD 21740. (20)

I am seeking an honest person who is fun-loving, respectable and intelligent in hopes of gaining one swell communication between that person and myself. My name is Mark D. Smith 152-778, P.O. Box 69, London, OH 43140.

BM, 20, 175, 6'2", pecan tan, love to correspond w/all kinds of beautiful people. Two more yrs to do. Home town is Pensacola, FL. Will ans all. Terry Sturdivant 058967, E-17, P.O. Box 221, Raiford, FL 32083. (16)

GM, 21, 5'7", 145, brn h & e, need someone to write. Robt Finch 143432, P.O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699. (20)

GWM 21. If you are int in forming sinc relationship pls write Carl Smallwood 96073, P.O. Box 97-96073, McAlester, OK 74501. (20)

I'm a young guy who is very interested in corresponding with someone for friendship, someone who is out 'on the streets'. Ny name is Ronnie Sanders, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091.

I am a member of the National Gay Task Force and would like to write to someone who is gay. My name is Donald Roberts, 37195, Indiana State Prison, Box 41, Michigan City, IN 48360. Also, I have a friend here who is also 34. He's straight but cool. His name is Clyde Delph and his number is 34913. (Box 41, Michigan City, IN 46360).

Lonely, BM, 25 well blt. Seek friendship, companionship, love & happiness. Am poet, philosopher, romantic. Most of all I'm freak for some good gay loving. Race, religion no problem. Anyone write, will ans all. Dewayne Key, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (10)

Sincere, warmhearted gay seeks friend interested in solid, meaningful relationship. Harmonious, sensuous, sexy, caring & sincere write soon. George Jackson 041307, W-3-N-7, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (10)

20, 6', 150, brn e, h. Into religion, reading, writing, camping, meeting serious minded people. Edward Engle, P.O. Box 1500, Cross City, FL 32628. (14)

26, 5'8", 140 blk h, bl e, Tony Lee Logsdon 136-620, P.O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699. (11)

WM, 22, 160, 6', gd complexion, would like to correspond w/people into music, reading, etc. Allan L. Palmer 065459. P.O. Box 158, M.C.I., G-Dorm-522-T, Lowell, FL 32663. (11)

Sk sincere corres w/public. want to establish constructive ties, determined to become productive mem of soc. Will ans all w/respect. St. James Lattimore, 143103, P.O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699. (11)

BM 5'8", 31, no prejudices, out in 6 mos. Need friendship upon release. Robt Speth 148-170, P.O. Box 511, Columbus, OH 43216. (11)

Lonely. Donald Scott 039787, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (12)

21, 5'9", 150, bl e, blk h. Like disco, swimming, movies. Larry Williams 042407, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (12)

Yng gay seeking correspondence & companionship w/other gays. Dennis Morrisett 041227, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (12)

Would care to hear from anyone who cares for someone who has nothing and no one. Bobby Wortham 147740, P.O. Box 45899, Lucasville, OH 45699. (14)

26, 5'8", 150. Like dancing, sports, making love to that special somebody. Who? Anybody who can enjoy making love. Archie Nelson 053915, B-25, P.O. Box 158, Lowell, FL 32663. (14)

22, blnd h, bl e, 5'9", 155, very lonely gay with no one to write. Tim Cole 050288, P-2-S-11, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (14)

23, BM, lt complexion, 5'5", 160, very lonely and wishing to write someone who feels same way. Anthony White 068-506, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (14)

32, Bi, WM, 6'2", 175, blondish red hair. Interested in astrology, music, reading. Joe Sahr 155-034, P.O. Box 69, London, OH 43140. (14)

Seek sincere corres. 5'10", 158. Ints: chess, scuba diving, dancing. Ans all. Sampson Hodge 052242-20-2107, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (14)

26, BM, attend college, enjoy reading, writing, chess, sex, sports. Earl Johnson C-72283, P.O. Box 87, Menard, IL 62259. (14)

18, 5'11", blk h, brn e, like fishing, camping, traveling; very sincere, gd lkng, slim. Earl Sampson 059667, PO Box 1500, Cross City, FL 32628 (14)

Lonely prisoner, poet, impressionistic artist, lettering specialist, writer by avocation, majoring in business administration. Love to correspond w/gay people who are genuine and full of love & affection. 5'9", 163, 26 yrs old, Pisces, lovable, Marion Valery Jones 143125, P.O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699. (14)

19, into reading, writing, all types sports & meeting interesting people. Need someone to write. Steve E. Dole 846695, Box 1500, Cross City FL 32628. (14)

5'6", 132, 25, love a variety of sports, love to have fun with fun-loving person who is not bashful. Joseph Smith D/C 10 029307, P.O. Box 158, Lowell, FL 32663. (14)

20 blnd h, green e, 5'11", 150, getting out mid '80, would like to correspond with gays. Pls enclose stamp w/letter. Only sincere need reply. Cary D. Terry 053430, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (16)

Lonely Leo wishes to correspond with sincere people. Am open-minded, honest, seeking an everyday person who can fill this emptiness in my life. Issac Barr 036225, P.O. Box 221,67-110, Ralford, FL 32083. (16)

6'1", 155, lge Afro, Brn e, native Jamaican, dark complexion. Like writing, poetry, art, music, dancing & SEX! Gay and lonely. Will ans all immediately. Maurice Williams 040449, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (17)

Gay and shy, 27, 5'7",160, looking for a friend who will like me for me, not my body. James White, 77A-2611, Box 367, Merle Cooper, Dannemora, NY 12929. (17)

Lonely GWM, 22, brn h, brn e, 5'9", 147. Wish to correspond with other gays, race doesn't matter. Roger Mullaly 014480, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (17)

26, Black, would enjoy honest and nature loving individuals. I enjoy reading, writing, singing, drawing, will answer all. Richard Smith A-73348, P.O. Box 87, Menard, IL 62259. (18)

23, brn h & e, 6'1", 160. Play guitar, lift weights, fly planes, go sailing. Seek correspondence with anyone willing to write. Will be here for a year. Doug Barr A-054041, P.O. Box 158, F Dorm, Lowell, FL 32663. (19)

I am lonely, desire friends to correspond with. Am sincere, have many interests, need "real friends" All letters promptly answered. Pls send photo, but not necessary. Leonard Cobb 151-365, P.O. Box 45699, Lucasville, OH 45699. (19)

WM, 20, 6', 175, br h & e, wishes to correspond w/gays. Pls enclose stamp. Lawrence McCormack 48866, L-253, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (19)

GBM, 22, 5'9", want W or B correspondent. Age not imp. James White, Box 367, Main St., Dannemora, NY 12929. (19)

Virile, discreet, sensuous, emotionally generous, harmonious, intelligent, warm, passionate & perpetually lonely male seeks a meaningful relationship — gets out soon — your move. Lawrence Brown, 052734, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (19)

GWM 20s, desperately needs help support of other gays. Soon to be released, 90 days left. Need place to live, job. I have no one. Pls help. David Palmer 08619-074, P.O. Box 4000, Springfield, MO 65802. (20)

25, Black, 200, nice personality. Need correspondence. Paul Jenkins 051541, P.O. Box 747, Starke, FL 32091. (21)

GBM, 22, seeking correspondence for friendship & hopefully a sincere relationship. Clyde Simmons 79C-192, Box 367, Dannemora, NY 12929. (22)

23, Mexican American, can read, write both langs. H S ed, but well read. Int in almost any subj. Will ans all. Reynaldo Ramirez 89178, CBB, Angola, LA 70712. (22)

Calendar

weekly events

sundays

Boston, MA — Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC). Swimming at Lindemann Center (Staniford St./Gov't Ctr.). Men and women. 2-4pm.

Boston, MA — Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC). Roller skating. Hatch Shell, Esplanade. Men and women. Call 282-9161 for info.

Boston, MA — Chiltern Men's Basketball. Lindemann Center (Gov't Ctr.). Beginners 3-4:30pm; experienced 4:30-6pm. info: 227-8167.

Boston, MA — Closet Space (WCAS, AM 740). Join Joe Martin and guests for fascinating raps, music etc. 10am.

Boston, MA — Unitarian Universalist Gays and Lesbians open discussion: Gripes about the gay lifestyle. Clarke Rm, Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston. 7:15pm.

Newburyport, MA — Newspace Women's Coffeehouse. 8-11pm. YWCA, 13 Market St.

New York, NY — Lesbian Feminist Liberation. Women's discussion. Women's Center, 243 W. 20th St. 691-5460. 3pm.

New York, NY — Men's rap. For gay and bisexual men. Identity House, 544 6th Ave. 243-8181. 2:30pm.

New York, NY — Rainbow Society. Deaf gay meeting. Manhattan Community Center, 75 Morton St. 2nd Sunday of the month. 2pm. 755-1426.

New York, NY — Dyke Anarchists meet. 339 Lafayette St, 7pm.

New York, NY — Gay People in Health Care. Meeting. Third Sunday. St. Vincent's Hospital, 7th Ave and 12th St, Room 207, 7:30pm. 499-1453. (Mon-Fri, 6-10pm).

Concord, NH — NH Coalition of Lesbians and Gay Men. 1st Sun. of the month, 1-5pm. Statewide political action group. Info: 224-7027.

mondays

Boston, MA — Gay Light Support Group for high school and college age women who are, or are considering being, lesbians. Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston. 7-9pm. Join us for raps, projects and outings.

Cambridge, MA — LUNA (Lesbians United for Non-nuclear Action). Women's Ed. Ctr., 46 Pleasant. 354-8807. 7-10pm.

Brattleboro, VT — Southern Vermont Gay Men meet every 4th Monday at the Common Ground, 25 Elliot St. 7:30pm.

New Brunswick, NJ — 'Gaybreek,' from Rutgers U. (WRSU-FM, 88.7). 8:30pm. News, music, interviews, poetry.

Morristown, NJ — Gay Activist Alliance in Morris County (GAAMC). Meetings, discussions, socials. Morristown Unitarian, Normandy Heights Rd. 762-6217. (NJ Gay Switchboard: (609)921-2565.

New York, NY — WBAI (99.5FM) The Lesbian Show. 10pm. 279-0707.

New York, NY — St. Mark's Clinic. General health care for gay men including VD services. 44 St. Mark's Pl. 533-9500. 6-10pm. Call after 5:30pm for appt.

New York, NY — Lesbian Feminist Liberation. Meeting. Women's Center, 243 W 20th St. 691-5460. 7:30pm.

New York, NY — Comite Homosexual Latinoamericano. Meeting for men and women. 8pm. 339 Lafayette St. 677-0237.

New York, NY — NY Gay Community Marching Band. Rehearsal. 7-10pm at Medusa's Revenge, 10 Bleecker St. Info: 741-5800. Musicians, twirlers, etc. No auditions.

New York, NY — NYC Gaymen's chorus rehearsal. 7:30pm. Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 W. 14th St. 891-3414. All men welcome.

tuesdays

Boston, MA — ClearSpace rap groups: Living as a lesbian woman, Gay Male experience, Bisexual groups, Women's Issues. Second Tuesdays. Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston, 8pm.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. Organization for women. Discussion group. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1131 Mass Ave. 8pm. Call 661-3633 for info on all DOB activities.

Boston, MA — Gay Way radio program. (WBUR, 90.9FM) Join co-hosts Ann Maguire and David Socia and their guests. 8:30pm.

New York, NY — Alcoholics Anonymous for Gay Men and Women. Gracie Square Hosp. 420 E 76th St. 473-6200. 7:30 and 8:30pm.

New York, NY — Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Rights. Meetings on alternate Tuesdays. 156 5th Ave Room 505. 924-2970.

White Plains, NY — Westchester Gay Men's Assoc. Weekly rap session and social. 8-1pm. 255 Grove St. Call WGMA Gay Hotline any evening 8-11pm: (914) 428-4922.

Philadelphia, PA — Gay and Bi Married Men's Group. Gay Community Center, 326 Kater St. 8pm.

wednesdays

Boston, MA — OUT HERE! Evening rap group organized by and for lesbian and gay youth 14-21 years old. Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston, 7-9pm. Join us to meet and talk about our lives.

Boston, MA — Gay Recreational Activities Committee (GRAC). Volleyball. Lindemann Center (Stanlford St./Gov't Ctr.) Men and women. 8-10pm.

Boston, MA — Project Place Hotline, drop-in counseling, mobile crisis van, need volunteers. Training provided, 6-7pm. 32 Rutland St. Info: 262-3740.

Cambridge, MA — Open meetings to organize a women's political party. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 7pm. All women invited. For info call 876-0704.

Bellows Falls, VT — The Coffee House. Southern Vermont Lesbian's/Gay Men's Coalition. 7-11pm at the Andrews Inn, on the Square. Refreshments, music, poetry. For info call Kevin 387-GAYS.

New York, NY— WBAI (99.5FM) Gay Rap. 279-0707.

New York, NY — Chelsea Gay Association. Meets last Wednesday of the month. Coffeehouse. Call 691-0057 for info.

New York, NY — Gay Teachers Assoc. members meet (1st Wed.) and rap group (3rd Wed.). Info: 255-5969 or 499-1060.

New Brunswick, NJ — Rutgers Gay Alliance meets at the Student Center, Room 413. Free and open to non-students. 8pm. Speakers and social hour. For info call (201) 932-7886.

Maplewood, NJ — Org. for Gay Awareness. 1st, 3rd, & 5th Weds. 8:30pm. Call (201) 746-6196 for info.

thursdays

Boston, MA — GCN proofreeding end layout (beaically cutting end paating with e little beer and pretzels on the side). No experiance neceaaary. We'll teech you all you need to know! Proofreeding begins 5-ish end layout 6-ish. 22 Bromfield St. (near Park St end Weahington St aubwey stops), 2nd floor. 426-4469.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. Organization for women. Discussions and social hour. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 8pm. Call 661-3633 for info on all DOB activities.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbians with children, Support group. 8-10pm. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian Liberation. 7:30-8pm munchies; 8-10pm discussion. Cambridge Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 354-8807.

Somerville, MA — Lesbian support group for younger women in Somerville. 7:30pm at the Somerville Women's Center, 38 Union Square (second floor over laundromat). For info call 623-9340.

New York, NY — Gay Activists Alliance regular meeting at 339 Lafayette St. (near Houston). 8:30pm. All are welcome!

New York, NY — Salsa Soul Sisters (Third world gay women). Washington Square Methodist Church, 133 W 4th St. Luvenia. 982-6280. 7:30pm.

fridays

Boston, MA — Come to GCN office, 22 Bromfield (neer Park St. eubwey atop), 2nd floor, enytime after 5 for aa long or as short ea you ilke (until ebout 11pm) to halp send the peper out to subscribers. (There are LOTS of them and we do need help!) Refreehments end good timea. Men end women welcoma. 426-4469.

Boston, MA — 'Musically Speaking' with Melanie Berzon. Women's radio program: Jazz, R&B, women's music, ideas, events information. 1-4pm on WMBR (88.1 FM) Call 494-8810 for input.

Boston, MA — Chiltern Men's Swimming. 6-7pm over 40 only; 7-9pm all ages. Lindemenn Center (near Gov't Ctr). info 227-6167.

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis. Over 35 rap group at Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. 8pm. (4th Friday and 2nd Wednesday of each month).

New Bedford, MA — Support Group for gay women meets at Women's Center, 15 Chestnut St. 7pm. 996-3341.

Cambridge, MA — Frenz and Luvvers potluck dinner and social every 2nd Friday (Oct-May). 8pm-midnight. Info: P.O. Box 814, Boston, MA. 02123.

saturdays

Boston, MA — Out Here! for lesbians and gay youth 14-21 meets from noon to 5pm at the Arlington St. Church, 355 Boylston. Join us for outings, raps and projects.

New York, NY — Gay Youth rap group. 26 9th Ave. 1pm. 242-1212.

coming events

Jan 20 sun

Cambridge, MA — Daughters of Bilitis potluck supper and bingo. Bring food to share. $1 contribution. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave. 6pm. All women welcome.

Jan 21 mon

Boston, MA — ClearSpace Community Center is forming a general gay, bisexual discussion and friendship group. Orientation meeting information, call Jim at 731-6619 after 6. Keep trying.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian Task Force of the Boston chapter of N.O.W. will meet at 99 Bishop Richard Allen Dr. (near Central Sq.), 6:30pm. All women welcome. For more info call 861-6015.

Boston, MA — BU Gay and Lesbian Legal Assoc. presents Attorney John Ward speaking on 'Defending Gays in Criminal Proceedings.' BU Law School, Room 532. 7:30pm. All are welcome.

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian Task Force of NOW general meeting. 99 Bishop Allen Drive, at 6:30pm. Call 661-6015 for more info.

22 tues

Boston, MA — FIRST GCN MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF THE DECADE! (We'll do just about anything to get attention!) At the office, 22 Bromfield St. (2nd floor), neer Park St. station. Open to all interested.

Salem, MA — North Shore Gay Alliance (NSGA). "Passing gay rights legislation: a victory we can't afford to win.', a talk by David Newton on the politics of Gay Liberation. Salem St. Col. Library function room. 7:30pm. Call 927-2605 for further info.

23 wed

Boston, MA — Mass Gay Political Caucus will meet at Somewhere, 295 Franklin St. 7:15pm. All interested persons are welcome. Call 242-3544 for more info.

Cambridge, MA — Boston NOW, 99 Bishop Richard Allen Drive, is sponsoring a program/discussion: "Families of the '80s: Who are they? Alternatives: Gay and Lesbian Parents". 7:30pm. Men and women welcome.

New York, NY — Gay Opinion Forum. Arthur Bell Rattles Old and New Skeletons. Church of the Beloved Disciple, 348 W. 14th St. 8:30pm. Social and refreshments follow. Donation. $2.

24 thurs

Cambridge, MA — LesbianlGay Community Meeting on "Violance". Have you ever been attecked bacause you're lesbien or gay? Do you know someone who has been? Come to talk about our experiences with violance end what we can do about it! Old Cambridge Baptist Church, 1151 Mass Ave., Harverd Sq. 7:45pm. Signed for the hearing impaired.

New York, NY — West Side Discussion Group. Wally Hoffman of the Gay Activists Alliance (GAA) will lead a topics-from-the-floor discussion. Unlaex. 28 Ninth Ave. 8:30pm. $2 donation.

25 fri

Boston, MA — Halp send out GCN to subscribers. Come enytime after 8 for a few hours or more to help put the paper in envalopes and send it out. Men end woman welcome. Refreshmants end good times. Come end meet some nice people. 22 Bromfield, 2nd floor (near the Park St. station).

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mt. Club. Beginners snow-shoeing, cross-country skiing, winter photography. East Barnet, Vermont. Call Roy at 864-5770 x2577 or Dee at 266-2147 for details.

26 sat

Cambridge, MA — Freestyle: Liberating Jill and Jack in the classroom. A workshop for middle-grade teachers to introduce strategies for non-sexist education. For info call 491-5188.

New York, NY — Hikin' Dykes. Roller Skating party. Call Cathy at 724-7591 eves for details.

New York, NY — Open House at Gay Youth. Poetry readings, live music, art work, refreshments. 29 W. 21st St. 2nd fl. 1-4pm. $2 donation requested, not required.

27 sun

Cambridge, MA — Lesbian and Gay Folkdancing. Phillips Brooks House in Harvard Yard. 12:30-3:30pm. Newcomers are very welcome!

Newburyport, MA — New Space coffeehouse and entertainment. Christina Olsen, traditional folk and blues music. YWCA, 13 Market St. Call 744-4471 for more info. All women welcome. No alcohol.

28 mon

New York, NY — Lesbian Feminist Liberation. General meeting. Newcomers welcome. 243 W. 20th St. 8pm. For more info call 691-5460.

29 tues

Boston, MA — Phil Donahue Show. Ariadne Kane will talk about cross-dressing, androgeny and transsexualism. 10:30am. Channel 5.

New York, NY — West Side Discussion Group. "Competition and Competitiveness in our lives — Destructive or Productive Forces." A discussion for lesbians. All women welcome. 28 Ninth Ave. 8:30pm.

30 wed

Fitchburg, MA — Montachusett Gay Alliance. Meeting at LUK Center, 99 Day St. 8pm. Newcomers are very welcome. Come and bring a friend.

feb 1 fri

Greenville, NH — "Nurturing Men: A Weekend Gathering" will take place on Feb. 1-3 at Another Place, Rt. 123. Participants will look at patterns of competition and new ways of becoming closer through physical activities and discussions. Sliding scale (scholarships available for third world men in financial need). For more info call (617) 776-2217 (as soon as possible!).

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mountain Club. Winter Carnival weekend in Quebec City, Canada. Call Josh at 726-8850 for more info.

Boston, MA — Chiltern Mountain Club. White Mountains snowshoeing weekend. Call Roy at 864-5770 ext. 2577 for more info.

The deadline for Calendar items is Tuesday at noon for the following issue.